

Help Mexia  
Grow

## VOTE FOR THE BONDS.

There are many arguments in favor of the citizenship of Consolidated Road District 4 going to the polls Tuesday and voting FOR the bonds for the development of the complete network of hard surface and gravel roads throughout every community of the territory prescribed in the issue.

In addition to the general reasons advanced for the success of the issue to be voted on, there are numerous special ones probably more convincing even, at this particular time, than the general ones.

Among these special reasons are the insurance they provide for the area designated and the advantages of securing the funds through taxation right now when the taxable resources of the Consolidated district are probably higher than they will be in future years, at least for many years to come.

The question is asked of the taxpayers of this city and the surrounding communities in the district do they want a Consolidated Road District bond election or do they want a County wide good roads election. Tuesday this question is asked and then it will be answered. You will answer it by the way you cast your vote. For it is a well known fact that efforts are now being contemplated to call such a county election. The proposed Limestone election would be along the same lines as that to be voted on Tuesday. By it all of the outstanding bonds of the various road districts in the county would be lumped together and lifted and a balance also voted to build additional roads. Consolidated road district number 4, where practically 70 per cent of the taxable resources of the county are found, would find itself through the successful carrying of such an issue paying 70 per cent of the taxes for the new roads and the new roads would likely be built largely in other parts of the county, where the people who pay most for them would receive the least benefits. A County issue would increase the taxes of Consolidated road district 4 far more than the issue to be voted on Tuesday. That a county issue, under the present circumstances would carry, is not doubted by any in possession of the full facts. For, generally speaking, road taxes outside of this district, are far heavier than they now are here and the proposal of the county issue would take up all the outstanding road bond indebtedness and create the same road tax for every district in the county. Generally speaking, it would mean lower taxes for road construction and maintenance purposes for every citizen of Limestone county, with the exception of those of this district. Naturally, meaning lighter taxes, the county issue would be favored by a vast majority of Limestone County citizens and would carry, despite the opposition that might be found here.

Although the biggest per cent of the taxable properties are found in this section of the county, yet the voting citizenship is small in proportion to its taxable assets and the number of voters here are not in proportion to population as elsewhere. So many of the people of this part of the county are new comers and claim their citizenship elsewhere.

This is not advanced as inimical to Limestone County. The citizens of this section love the county, and are loyal to its progressive ambitions, but it is obvious to any sensible and fair individual that a county issue along the lines suggested would not be fair to this end of the county nor would it be just and right to the taxpayers. It is willing to go its part, based on taxable assets for future programs of betterment, but naturally is not favorable to a proposition that would pile the debts of others, for previously made contracts, on this district.

It is apparent then that the contemplated county wide issue was based primarily upon the idea of making a uniform tax rate for road bond purposes throughout Limestone County rather than for the construction of uniform good roads throughout the county, and this at the expense of the taxpayers of Mexia and consolidated road district, with no insurance whatever that any of the additional good roads would be built with an eye on the advancement of this particular section.

Another way of putting the question is, do Mexia citizens want to

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## MANY WELLS TO COMPLETE THIS WEEK

MAN HELD FOR  
KILLING HIS  
TRAVELING  
MATE

[By United Press]  
ST. JOHN, Kas., Dec. 15.—Thomas Snead, 25, of Van Buren, Ark., was being held in jail here today for the murder of his traveling companion, J. R. Williams, 59, near here yesterday. Snead and Williams were traveling overland in a covered wagon.

A quarrel over a debt Snead said Williams owed him resulted in Snead beating the older man to death with a hand ax. Snead claimed Williams started the fight and that he killed the latter in self-defense. To make sure of the job, Snead shot Williams through the body.

Snead was captured by a posse after a passing motorist saw the two men fighting.

LAKE SUPERIOR  
IS SEARCHED  
FOR BODIES.

[By United Press]  
SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 15.—Benches along Lake Superior were being combed today for bits of wreckage and bodies from a freighter believed to have sunk with a crew of thirty men and officers off Eagle Harbor, Mich., in a gale Sunday.

Wood of the hatches, spars, rigging and other bits of wreckage that were carried ashore on lashing waves last night were the first indications that a ship had gone down. None carried any markings to indicate the name of the ship. The amount of wreckage indicated the boat foundered and probably carried a crew of approximately thirty men and officers, coast guards said.

All the fury of the 70-mile gale was spent today. Small craft that was reported missing in the storm of Sunday was still unaccounted for today.

Would Hang Holdup  
Men; Drown Professional Bondsmen

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Hold-up men should be hanged, professional bondsmen should be thrown into the Mississippi River and bootleggers customers should be sentenced to sixty days in jail, the Rev. I. M. Hargitt, pastor of the Grand Avenue Temple declared in a sermon here last night.

The pastor denounced crime and vice in Kansas City, declaring "crooks like Kansas City because it is easy for them."

The sermon Sunday followed a week of hold-ups and shootings in which one person was shot to death and a bandit killed when the automobile in which he was fleeing, struck a tree. Reverend Hargitt made a scathing verbal attack on the police department, charging local law enforcement was a joke.

Ford Buyers Save  
Three Quarters Of  
Million In December

The reduction in prices announced by the Ford Motor Company becoming effective December 2 will save over three-quarters of a million dollars to Ford car buyers during the month of December alone. That this amount will be left to the car buyers to spend on holiday gifts and other things is based on a conservative estimate of December sales.

The largest cut in the Ford list was that of \$25 in the price of the Fordor Sedan, one of the most attractive Ford closed cars and one which is a favorite for family use.

Prices on other Ford types were also reduced bringing all of them to the lowest price level in the history of the company.

THOUSANDS SEE  
GOMPERS BODY  
IN ST. LOUIS  
SUNDAY

[By United Press]  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Thousands of men and women braved the cold here this morning to view the body of Samuel Gompers, fallen labor chieftain here on the first leg of the journey for burial in Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, N. Y.

A body guard of fifteen representatives of the Central Labor Union were on duty about the car, ushering the throng of people about the station platform. A special squad of patrolmen also was on duty.

Gompers' body will lie in state on the private car here until noon following which it will be transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the last trip east.

Former Gov. Glynn  
Of New York Dead

[By United Press]  
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Martin H. Glynn, who rose from poverty to be Governor of the Empire State and one of the best known orators in the country, is dead at his home here. Seized with a heart attack Sunday afternoon, he died before medical aid could reach him.

Prominent in Irish affairs in this country Glynn was credited by David Lloyd George with doing more to bring about settlement of the dispute between Ireland and England than any one man.

Four Former Pro  
Officers Sentenced

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—The four former federal prohibition agents convicted on charge of extortion and conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and sentenced to two years at Leavenworth and fined \$2,000 today, were Arthur Curran, former head of the Missouri group, Melton Apt, Manning Wilcox and Harvey Storms.

T. A. Stockton  
Dies Early Monday

T. A. Stockton, 72 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bon Hickman on North Kaufman street Monday morning at seven o'clock. The deceased has resided in Limestone County for the past forty years most of this time at Groesbeck, Texas. He was born in East Tennessee in 1852, coming to this state at the age of thirteen.

Besides Mrs. Bon Hickman the deceased is survived by V. T. Stockton, Mrs. Maggie Riley, of Oklahoma, Mrs. Monte Leuschner from Otto, Texas, Mrs. Oran Blanchard, of Waco, H. L. Stockton of Plainview, Texas, M. L. Stockton of Quinton, Okla., U. C. Stockton of Duncan Oklahoma, T. J. Stockton of Oklahoma, and a step-son E. G. Salsar of Lamesa, Texas all children of Mr. Stockton. He is also survived by a large number of sisters and brothers, all of whom reside in this state.

Funeral service will be held at Glenwood Cemetery at Groesbeck, Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 2:30 o'clock. J. I. Riddle Undertaking Company has charge of funeral arrangements.

Last Years Killer  
Goes to Trial Today

FORT WORTH, Dec. 15.—C. N. Livingston, of Grapevine, was placed on trial here today on charge of murder in connection with the death of Alfred Davis, shot to death here a year ago.

Livingston, the prosecution will charge, shot Davis after Livingston's daughter accused him of attacking her.

The regular meeting of the Elks Club will be held at their club rooms at North Sherman Street Monday night. All visiting Elks are welcome.

SAMUEL GOMPERS  
(BEN B. HUNT)

The world will weep for Gompers now,  
Because his day is done;  
Regretful tears are freely shed  
To see his setting sun;  
For Gompers was a Noble Chief  
Who loved his native land,  
And now his death will bow in grief  
All those who understand.

His stalwart ship was ably manned,  
And weathered every tide;  
He ran the course his heart had planned,  
And never turned aside;  
He struggled on from early dawn  
Of life's tempestuous day,  
With honest heart and brain and brawn  
In such a splendid way!

He never fawned on any man,  
Nor once forgot the poor,  
But through his life's unselfish plan  
They found an open door,—  
A door that led through portals fine,  
By Hope's refreshing spring,  
Where Hope's inspiring sun could shine  
And cheer and comfort bring.

Now labor's lost that grand old man—  
The world has lost him, too;  
But none hath left a nobler span  
Across the tranquil blue.  
The poor, oppressed will shed a tear—  
O, they are weeping now!  
And all the world beside his bier  
In honest grief will bow.

E. L. SMITH OIL COMPANY'S  
EDWARDS 1 SET CASING AND  
BEALL BEGINS RAILING AT NOON

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1, south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 gusher has set casing and the work of drilling in is to begin at an early date this week. The well is considered certain for gusher production, the equivalent of that of the Penn which has shown improvement hourly since it came in Saturday at noon. The Company is making arrangements to drill several other wells on this lease.

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's tank farm, just North of town, in Limestone County, is being built rapidly. The grades for the 55s are being completed and material is coming in for the storage to be provided. Pipe line connections are being made for the operations of the company which are now at sand depths. The Smith Beall 1 began railing in about noon, at 2992 feet.

Congress Halts  
To Honor Late  
Woodrow Wilson

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Congress today halted its work to honor the memory of Woodrow Wilson in a joint memorial session.

Assembling at noon in the hall of the House where nearly eight years ago, Wilson summoned the Nation to war, the two legislative bodies, with distinguished guests representing other branches of the Government will listen to eulogies of the Nation's war-time President.

President Coolidge and his Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign powers, Governors of States and friends of the dead President, including several of his Cabinet, will be present.

Simple and solemn services are arranged. A prayer will be read. A eulogy will be delivered by Wilson's old friend and companion, Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, where the war leader schooled. A benediction will be pronounced and the distinguished gathering will then adjourn.

The day was set aside by act of Congress. A resolution was passed appointing a committee headed by Senator Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia and Representative Isaac Baccarach, of New Jersey, to make the arrangements. Admittance is to be given only by card.

But other who revered him early today paid a less auspicious but more touching tribute. They plodded in steady lines from early morning by the winding wooded road to his grave in the shadowed little chapel of the National Cathedral, carrying wreaths and flowers to his shrine.

L. J. Gray painfully injured his left foot Sunday morning about 8 o'clock by dropping a tool joint on his foot at the yard of the drilling department of the Magnolia Petroleum company. Dr. H. C. Maxwell attended the injured man.

Veteran Railroad  
Man of Oklahoma  
Pays Supreme Price

[By United Press]  
CHICKASHA, Ok., Dec. 15.—James ("Pard") Higginson, 62 years old, of Oklahoma City, who for a number of years has been a Frisco conductor, met his death near here early Sunday morning when he entered a burning passenger car of the train enroute from Quannah, Tex., to St. Louis, to see that all passengers were out.

No passengers were injured and only the baggage car and smoker were lost.

The flames were first noticed in a pile of cotton in the baggage car about two miles west of Chickasha and W. O. Dowdy, baggageman, went into the smoker to give the "stop" signal. He was unable to get back into the baggage car and the smoker was soon in flames. Both cars were unhooked and pushed away from the rest of the train by the passengers and Mr. Higginson, despite warnings from his crew, went back into the smoker to assure himself that no passengers were there. He fell near the rear exit and was carried out by Jesse Barefoot (dead head fireman). He succumbed a few hours later in a local hospital.

CHILD BREAKS ARM  
WHILE PLAYING

While playing in the yard in front of the house, Eugene Wilkins, 10 year-old son of D. D. Wilkins of Anson, Texas, fell from a tree fracturing and dislocating his left elbow. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon near Shiloh where the lad was visiting relatives.

D. S. Somer, an employee of Humble Oil and Refining Company fractured his foot about 7:30 Sunday morning while cutting a joint of pipe. Dr. J. C. Kern dressed the injury.

THE WEATHER.  
Texas—Unsettled, probably rain. Colder Tuesday.

## NOTICE ADVERTISERS.

Our edition known as our "Christmas Shopper's Guide" will be published tomorrow, December 16th. This edition will be distributed in the towns of Groesbeck, Coolidge and Teague in addition to the regular mailing list and street sales in Mexia and Wortham.

Please turn your advertising copy over to us as early in the morning as possible.

The NEWS.

POLICE GUARD IS  
INCREASED IN  
NEW YORK  
TONG WAR

[By United Press]  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—An already strong police guard in Chinatown was doubled today following slaying of a neutral Chinese-American by tong men and threats of a renewal of bloody warfare between the Hip Sings and On Leongs.

The Chinese-American, Chin Song, 19, an American citizen for many years was shot down as he stood in front of his home last night with a knife in his hand. The assassins worked so stealthily that police and detectives in the same block did not hear the reports of their pistols.

Police believe Song was shot thru mistake or under the impression he was an informer.

TEXAS CATTLE  
RAISERS TO  
DISCUSS  
TICKS

[By United Press]  
FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 15.—The executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association will meet here tomorrow to discuss the tick eradication in question.

A conference recently held in San Antonio by Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson, provided for extermination of the tick in counties south and west of the Colorado river but left the territory north and east of the river subject to local option.

The conference, it was said, expects to organize an intensive campaign to eradicate the tick in that region.

Prior to the discovery of the first well in the new field, the Humphreys Boyd had the material rolling for this and many other tanks that are rapidly going up.

In addition to that, this company had purchased more than a half a million dollars worth of equipment for its drilling campaign.

It was due to this faith and foresight that such speed has been made possible and Colonel Humphreys is happy as well as busy while looking the manifold activities of his company in this vast empire of oil.

GERMAN CABINET  
STEPS DOWN  
FINALLY

[By United Press]  
BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The cabinet, headed by Chancellor Marx, resigned today. President Ebert accepted the resignation. Ministers met with the chancellor this morning, but delayed action on the resignation because negotiations over the week end failed to clarify the situation resulting from the general elections. Later Marx offered the resignation when the cabinet empowered him to withhold it if he, Ebert, thought advisable.

MRS. J. K. HUGHES BEGINS  
DRILLING IN HER SIMMONS  
1 WELL SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. J. K. Hughes Simmons 1 began drilling in Sunday night in the midst of the great activity in the Wortham field, just south of the city limits and in proven territory. The depth at noon today was 2940 feet and the well will be sent to around 2990 before bailing. Her number 2 is drilling in Austin Chalk at 2265 feet. Her number 3 is down below 1100 feet and the number 4 has set surface casing.

FRENCH PREMIER SICK  
PARIS, Dec. 15.—The condition of Premier Herriot, ill with la grippe and rheumatism, is reported improved.

RECORDS BEING  
ESTABLISHED  
IN DISTRICT  
NORTHEAST

With many wells drilling in and scores of others nearing the rich pay depths; with more than 100 additional tests either drilling or being rigged up and with scores of other locations being made, the Wortham oil field today presents the most inspiring sight known to followers of the petroleum industry.

It all means that before the week is up, many new wells will be added to the production column of the field, now less than one month old but which has a daily production equivalent to that of the old Mexia field.

Before the end of the month, at least fifty completions will be recorded and the pipe line companies will be found to be very active in handling the growing production.

The outlook is that it will be several months before the peak is reached and drilling will be going on six months from now and then some.

The traffic is dense all through the field.

From Mexia to Dallas, railroad yards hold hundreds of car load shipments due for the oil field, while here and at Wortham additional hundreds are being unloaded. The heavy business is already probably equivalent to that of the peak days of November and December 1921 at Mexia.

Records are being established by drillers in the speed shown in the various operations, and tank builders also are breaking all known records. The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will witness the completion in a very few hours of its first 55,000 barrel steel storage reservoir on the Carter farm between Mexia and Wortham. Although work began on it just eight days ago, the tank is just about completed and the minute that it is finished the Prairie Pipe Line Company will have completed an 8 inch line from the Simmons lease to turn crude into this storage. No such speed was ever before shown.

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Murderer of Youths  
Confesses to Others

[International News Service]  
HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 15.—Verging on collapse, Fritz Haarman, murderer of thirty youths, is unable to follow proceedings at his trial. Regarding one of the murders, he told the judge today:

"Charge it to me; it's all right with me."  
Haarman has confessed to three additional killings since the original list of twenty-seven was drawn up.

Mrs. Elsie Sweetin  
Says She Didn't

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 15.—Taking the stand in her own defense, Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, on trial with Lawrence M. Hight, former pastor, for the murder of her husband in a love pact, today denied the knowledge of the murder confession bearing her signature. She said she didn't remember any of the events at the Salem jail where the confession was made.

W. M. Brown, manager of the J. R. Neece Lumber company at Teague who has been in Mexia for the past several days assisting the local company during the rush period, is in the rooms of the company on Palestine street.

## Pupils of Mrs. W. B. Landrum Give Recital

Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. B. Landrum gave a student's recital at her studio, 300 East Milan Street, in which her younger pupils took part. The mother's of the pupils and several friends were invited to hear the program, which was as follows:

"The Five Senses"—by Teddy Boy Fricke.  
"Hello"—by J. E. Baxter.  
"Orator Puff"—by George Tidwell.  
"The Radio"—by Lura Eastorling.  
"Five Little Chicks"—by Francis Hibel.  
"A Boy's Tribute"—by Arthur Bonner.  
"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"—Polly Parker.  
"1492 by Harold Kendrick.  
"An 'It' for Girls"—by Geraldine Vestal.  
"Being Brave at Night"—by Paul Buckner.  
"Her Costumes"—by Cleo Caldwell.  
"Texas"—by Jasper Easterling.  
"What Happened to Rex"—by Sylvia Mae Smith.

## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you Santa Claus? I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an airgun a bicycle and some candy and fruit. Santa Claus I already have a train and a truck. I want a wagon. Well Santa I guess I better clothes for this time. **WOODSON HUGGINS.**

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a little red car and a little girl fountain pen and a walking doll. And please bring my little baby sister a doll and a horn and some building blocks. If you have plenty of nuts and candy we would like to have some of that too. Lots of love from, **BETTINE PHELIPS.**

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a cow-boy suit, a wagon, a tool chest, bring a rope with the cowboy suit. Some caps for my pistol. Fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets, nuts, candy and fruit. Your little friend, **R. L. MADDOX, JR.**

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

## NEWS SPOTLIGHT CENTRES ON THESE.



Above: THOMAS W. LAWSON & HENRY M. DAWES.  
Below: MRS. LYDIA LOCKE MARKS & JOHN HENRY WHITLEY

Controller of the Currency Henry M. Dawes, brother of Vice President Charles Gates Dawes, has resigned, and it is understood he is slated for the presidency of General Dawes's Pure Oil Company. Recently divorced from Arthur T. Marks, millionaire head of the Skinner Organ Company, Mrs. Lydia Locke Marks, has been married for the fourth time when she became the bride of her secretary, Henry Dornblaser, at Yorktown, N. Y.

Thomas W. Lawson, author of "Frenzied Finance," now poor and dying in a modest retreat at Bar Harbor, Maine, is seriously ill, and a nurse has been rushed from Boston to give him insular treatment. The recently elected British House of Commons has assembled and unanimously elected John Henry Whitley as speaker. He has held that post since April, 1921.

## LIONS AND ROTARY MEET AT METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY

The Mexia Rotary Club and Lions Club will hold a joint meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 12:10 p. m. at the Methodist church. The program will be in charge of Lions Hollingsworth, Heaton and Hodges, who promise a most wonderful program. The artists have been imported from out of the city and every one is promised a great treat.

This is the first joint meeting of the two clubs in over a year and much good should be derived from

it. The good road election of Tuesday will be discussed and all urged to vote and to encourage to vote everyone possible. This will possibly be the last meeting during this year and a large attendance is expected.

FOR RENT—3 room house, water and lights, call 729, Palestine, cheap. 15X3

WANTED—A first class solicitor, apply at American Dry Cleaners. 16X2

## 22,000 Killed And 678,000 Injured In Road Accidents

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—More than 22,000 persons were killed and 678,000 injured in street and highway accidents throughout the Nation during 1924, it was revealed today as city, highway and police authorities gathered here with representatives of automobiles and insurance companies in an effort to lessen the toll of the deadly automobile and the grade crossing.

The total dead was placed in round figures at 22,500.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover called the conference to draft a national policy to guide cities and States in campaigns to cut down the ever increasing lists of accidents and eliminate street and highway congestion.

Six committees have been investigating traffic situations in different States and cities, with the cooperation of State highway board and city officials and will present their recommendations.

Startling increases in automobile collisions, grade crossing deaths and the tremendous economic waste caused by the jammed streets of the cities caused Hoover to conduct studies of the situation.

Lack of uniformity among traffic rules in cities will be one of the principal questions. An attempt will be made to arrive at a uniform code for city streets and rural highways.

Special attention will be given to the problem of reckless and incompetent driver. An effort will be made to get all States to pass laws requiring automobilists to carry licenses which can be obtained only after passing a rigid examination.

Hoover believes the traffic deaths will continue to increase until some drastic action is taken to relieve the situation. With twelve million cars in active operation on streets designed mostly for horse traffic, the menace to life and property is increasing even faster than the number of vehicles, he believes.

PROMINENT COTTON DEALER DEAD IN OKLA.

(International News Service)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—Frank E. Anderson of the firm of Anderson & Clayton, prominent southwest cotton dealers, died suddenly here today. The cause was not determined.

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## WOMEN WHO FIGURE IN NEWS OF THE DAY



Above: MRS. AUGUSTIN McHUGH & RUTH NUGENT.  
Below: MRS. RAYMOND BELMONT & MME. JOHANNA GADSKY

Her romance ended, Mrs. Raymond Belmont, of New York, formerly the beautiful Carolyn B. Harbut, is reported on her way to Paris to seek a divorce from the son of Major August Belmont, multi-millionaire sportsman. Mme. Johanna Gadske, famous prima donna, close her theatrical engagement in Philadelphia to sail for Germany, where she will undergo an operation on her throat, the result of an abscessed tooth. Augustin McHugh, of New York, playwright and author of "Love in Twenty Minutes," had planned to remain a bachelor, but when he met Miss Helen Counihan, artist's model, he made love in twenty minutes, proposed in two seconds, and spent the next few hours getting a marriage license. Miss Ruth Nugent, New York actress, daughter of J. C. Nugent, veteran actor and playwright, has been married to Alan Bunch, himself an actor.

## Man Died While Playing Golf

(By United Press)

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—C. A. (Chappie) McFarland, theater manager and former manager of the Southern Enterprises in Houston, succumbed to heart attack Sunday afternoon while playing golf on a local course.

McFarland was a former member of the St. Louis and Pittsburgh National League baseball clubs and manager of the Oklahoma City club of the Western League. He

dropped dead as he prepared to tee his ball for a drive.

## CONGRESS TODAY.

Joint session in the hall of the House for memorial services for the late President Woodrow Wilson. Both houses will adjourn out of respect to his memory immediately after services are concluded.

B. F. Vernon had his left foot crushed about 2:30 Sunday afternoon while moving a rotary from the district floor. Vernon was an employee of the J. K. Hughes Developing Co. Dr. M. M. Brown dressed the injury.

## Honors Conferred On Dead Racer

CULVER CITY, Calif., Dec. 15.—Jimmy Murray, killed in an exhibition race months ago, was given a posthumous award of national speed driving automobile championship by the national board.

FORMER MAYOR OF IOWA PARK DEAD

(International News Service)  
WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 15.—James C. Ralston, former mayor of Iowa Park, near here, was killed yesterday when he tripped and accidentally discharged his shotgun.

BIG CHINAMAN EXECUTED

(International News Service)  
PEKING, Dec. 15.—Li Yen Ching, who was personal treasurer to President Tsao Kun during the latter's administration, was executed at noon today. He was found guilty of criminal misuse of funds.

## HELP MEXIA GROW

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see their road taxes increased slightly for 70 miles of better highways and country roads in this territory or do they want to see their taxes increased greatly to pay off bond issues for other and more distant districts without any guarantee whatever of deriving anything like the immediate benefits that such an increase would otherwise warrant and with very little for anybody else outside the matter of lowering their road taxes?

It was due to the knowledge that such a county election was being agitated and discussed that the citizens of Consolidated Road District 4 got busy and prepared the petition by which the election of Tuesday was called.

In case the district issue passes Tuesday, which is natural to be expected, the inducement for the county issue will not be the same thereafter, at least if proposed along the original lines of consolidating all county road indebtedness, for the \$1,571,000 involved in the issue would then have to be placed in the same collection of outstanding bonds with all others, making it necessary for a larger than ever county issue. In case the election Tuesday fails, then the taxpayers of the district may in a short while expect to be called to the polls to vote on the county consolidation plan. So vote the bonds Tuesday.

# VOTE FOR THE GOOD ROAD BONDS, TOMORROW DEC. 16TH.

—and in doing so, vote for the good of the Mexia, Shiloh and Forest Glade Consolidated Road Precinct No. 4.

The passage of these bonds mean that all the main highways from the Precinct line to Mexia will be made first-class, hard surfaced roads and the roads leading from the main highways will be hard surfaced and graveled. This means much to the rural district for it means good roads to market in any and all kinds of weather. The passage of these bonds will require that all money provided for must be spent within this precinct and not one cent of it will be spent in the city limits of Mexia. In the event that the bonds do not carry and a county wide bond issue is had and passed, this consolidated road Precinct No. 4 would not be assured of any certain part of the bonds for the selection of roads to be improved would be left to the discretion of the Commissioners Court.

## GOOD ROADS ARE NEEDED IN THIS PRECINCT, SO VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PRECINCT AND VOTE FOR THE BONDS

*J. K. Hughes*



# Boyd-Simmons Lease Is Most Active Spot on Earth

## THANKSGIVING DAY GUSHER MAKING OVER 8,000 BBLs. DAILY AND SEVEN OTHER WELLS GOING DOWN

The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company's Simmons 3 began drilling in this morning. This is the very heart of what is declared to be the busiest spot on earth. A view of the stupendous activities in that immediate vicinity is convincing to the most skeptical. It is probable that no activity of such magnitude has ever been witnessed in any oil field of the world.

Colonel A. E. Humphreys, President of the Company, was present on the lease about noon today, when the work was going forward in full blast, with every Humphreys Boyd

operation moving like a new piece of well-greased machinery.

All of the derricks belonging to the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company are easily discerned up and down the four miles of rush and movement, because of their "Texas Broadbords" which are seen high up on the derrick. They have been proven to be life savers and there is no expense to which the Colonel would not go in saving human life. "I had rather not have any oil field than to see one single man killed," he said today, as he urged that no derrick be constructed on any of his leases without this precaution. It is likely that it will not be long until a law will be passed requiring every operator to add the "Texas Broadboard" to their derricks in order to conserve the lives of the men who work night and day and bring in the wells and discover new pools of hidden treasure.

The Number 4 Simmons of this company is to begin drilling in next Wednesday.

The Humphreys Boyd Simmons 2 is down around 2277 feet; the Simmons 5 is down to depth 2360 feet; the Simmons 6, is below 1700 feet; the Simmons 7 is around 400 feet and the Simmons 8 is rigging up. The Company already has up about 40 derricks up and down the structure, most of which are Southwest of the Simmons 1 and about half of these are in operation. The gas supply from the Boyd Simmons 1 gusher is being used for fuel purposes already for 16 wells of the Humphreys Boyd Company.

The Company's Thanksgiving day gusher, the Simmons 1, Sunday flowed 8,014 barrels of oil with an 85 pound back pressure to throw it into lines.

The excess gas is allowed to escape through a 40 foot which has been constructed on the lease, eliminating all danger of fire from this source.

### From the People

WORDS APPRECIATED.

TO THE NEWS:

A perusal of today's paper serves to convince me more forcibly of the truth of a statement I have made with pride many times since my coming to Mexia, namely: "The Mexia Daily News is the best paper published in a city twice its size; the very best in the country."

I cannot sufficiently thank you for the stand you have taken in the Road Bond Election of December the 16th, for the space you have so generously donated in the columns of your paper, and the articles explaining so thoroughly the advantages to be derived from the carrying of the Bonds. The Chamber of Commerce is sincerely indebted to you for an influence which is in a large measure responsible for the favorable vote confidently expected at the polls next Tuesday.

The intelligent and grateful citizenship of Mexia joins me in this appreciation.

J. H. CASON.

Mrs. H. E. Brown was in Mexia Sunday and Monday.

R. E. Gage was here from Corsicana today.

R. V. Smith was here on business from Electra today.

V. V. Van Meter was here from Beaumont Sunday.

C. R. Tate is a business visitor from Waco today.

H. H. Slaughter was here from Abilene Sunday and Monday.

M. W. McClure was here from Electra today.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

T. L. Smith arrived from Temple today.

C. H. Wright arrived from Ranger today.

W. E. Werner was here from Breckenridge Sunday.

E. L. Poreh Jr. was here from Houston today.

Henry Byets was here from Beaumont Sunday.

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### Held Up Twice By Same Bandit

(By United Press) FT. WORTH, Dec. 15.—Elmer Wells, dusky Senegambian, stayed out rather late. As Elmer sauntered home down a side street, two white men alighted from a car, displayed a pistol and took Elmer's last two dollars.

Four blocks further on, two men alighted from a car, displayed a pistol, but found Elmer "cleaned." Elmer recognized the pistol. "White folks," he quavered, "you all done held me up once tonight. If you all let me go, I won't bother you no more."

Mike Duggan was here from Taylor today.

O. H. Jones was a business visitor from Taylor today.

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"GOD'S MASTERPIECE"

A humorous situation arose last Wednesday night at the Central Presbyterian church. Rev. G. T. Reaves who closed his pastoral Sunday night at the First Christian Church, had joined the Presbyterian congregation in their mid-week hour of prayer and Bible study. The subject for the evening was "Getting Rid of Undesirables". The leader and Pastor Rev. Victor G. Aubrey stated that the subject was chosen before it was known that Rev. Reaves was to be present and assured him that there was nothing personal in it.

Rev. Aubrey, all the other pastors of the city and the entire citizenship here deeply regret the departure of Rev. Reaves and his estimable family.

Sunday night he preached his "Farewell sermon" before a large and appreciative audience. He used the same subject used on one of his first visits here, while the congregation was using the Opera House before the completion of the magnificent church building in which that congregation now worships. "God's Masterpiece" was the subject. It was a masterly exposition, characteristic of the usual elevating and ably delivered addresses and sermons of this beloved minister. The speaker said, "Man made in the Image of God is God's Masterpiece"

There can be no doubt about this truth in the mind of anyone acquainted with such men as Mr. Reaves

God's masterpiece, man, is a complex being in his unity. The body is a magnificent structure of more than 250 bones, clothes with muscles, tied together by 1,000 ligaments, the whole invested with a skin containing 200,000,000 of pores, and enclosing three grand cavities in which are organs of wonderful vitality, functions and powers. All in all, the body is an organized human state, of which the head is the Capitol and palatial abode of royalty, packed with the records of memory, Judgment, Reason and Conscience.

But the body is the lowest of man's nature; compounded with material substance and elements, the base of whose construction is dust. It, however, is the most exquisitely constructed thing in the material world and is an essential part of man's nature as man.

God's way of ruling the world primarily is through man, and whenever mountains and floods, rocks and seas, winds and waves, lightnings and tempests bow to the conquering genius and hand of man they but capitulate to the God that is in him, and through man acknowledge God as their all powerful Ruler. Thus it is that only when a man, in his nature, is so developed as to bring the lower parts under the higher, or spiritual, can he really fill man's sphere in creation.

Mr. Reaves is a man who has impressed all who know him as one who is filling this high place in life. He has been a citizen whom the community has been pleased to claim as its own for the past two years, never faltering when duty called; he has been a pastor beloved by his own and by other congregations alike; he has been a Christian who practiced Christianity daily in all his dealings and in the noble example he set. His loss here is deeply regretted, but what Mexia loses, Brady gains and Texas retains. May God be with him and his and speed them on to greater joys and greater service in their future home.

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WHO ARE TO BENEFIT BY THE BONDS?

When people go to the polls to vote on any bond issue or on any subject involving their taxes, the first question they ask is "WHO ARE TO BE BENEFITED?"

This question is being asked today and will be asked again Tuesday when the citizens of Consolidated Road District 4 go to the polls to vote on the \$1,571,000 road bond issue.

The answer is clearly answered in the election call. The communities comprising the district are to be benefited first of all. In addition, the entire county is to be benefited through the added county public improvements and attractions; the state and the nation also are partners in the benefits.

Broadly speaking, too, it is agreed that those who are living today and those who come after them in the various communities concerned to the third and fourth generation will benefit from the construction of the roads from field to market; from home to church and school and from country to town.

It has been true far too many times in the past that heavy motor traffic has been too great for the roads and highways that have been built, but this problem is constantly being studied and rapidly being solved. Experts assert that from 40 to 50 per cent of highway cost is a permanent investment and the percentage is higher for what are called laterals or country roads, where the travel is not so great. The right-of-way, the grade, the drainage, concrete bridges and shoulders need only be paid for once. It is the surface that wears.

In this particular instance, the provisions of the issue are such that the several communities of the consolidated road district number 4 are guaranteed uniform good roads, hard surface or gravel. The issue will mean the building of the country roads that lead into the highways or that connect one community with another. No fairer plan could be asked by anyone.

The mass showing just what is to be done with the residue of \$1,500,000 of the issue for \$1,571,000 are easily available to anyone not clear on the subject. The other \$271,000 is to be used in taking up outstanding bonds in the entire district.

It is a golden opportunity for Mexia, for Tehuacana, for Forest Glade and Shiloh and Point Enterprise and Springfield and all the other communities, as well as for all the institutions, business, educational, social or spiritual, within the district. Let's vote the bonds.

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A VITAL ISSUE COMES UP TUESDAY

The prosperity of Consolidated Road District Number 4 is

dependent upon its transportation facilities, its roads and highways. That is true of any community. It is true of all sections and of all countries. BAD ROADS AND HIGH COST OF LIVING go hand in hand. Bad roads and poor markets for farm products are usually found together. The real statesman of this state and nation and the thoughtful citizens of Mexia and surrounding communities right at this time, when the people are presented with a good roads bond election are concentrating upon the problem of building good roads and protecting them after they are built.

Good roads are vital. The relation between the vehicle of the farmer or of the business man and the highway or road must be realized more fully, if the section is to measure up to its full responsibilities and prosper as it should. The vehicle and the road together constitute a great factory which produces the commodity which economics designates as transportation.

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It has been said that "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon." In like manner it may be said that "some communities are created great, others achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them." Looking upon the vast resources discovered by Colonel A. E. Humphreys some four years ago in this part of the county, it can be truly said that this community was created great. Looking upon the added assets and enhanced values brought by the oil fraternity to this section, it may also be said that this community has had greatness thrust upon it. Trebly blessed, the community is populated by a great citizenship who have done many worthy things in the past, and Tuesday, again the chance comes to the tax payers of the district to march to the polls and achieve further greatness by voting FOR THE ROAD BONDS.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Hous

\$5,000 AUTO—TWO-BIT ROAD.

One of the state's best newspapers gives the following illustration of road economics: "Not so very long ago a friend of ours went down to the city and bought a handsome auto, paying some four or five thousand dollars for same, and on his hike home, minus good roads, he stuck in a mud hole, and after working and fighting that mud hole until night time overtook him, he walked some four or five miles to a farm house and stayed all night. Next morning bright and early he returned with team, wagon and log chains to recover his car. Finally they had to dig it out, prize it up and snake it out on skids. That car was damaged several hundred dollars, for after spinning the rear wheels in the mud for half a day, they were virtually worn out. The beautiful coat of varnish was practically ruined. Ain't it funny about the viewpoint of many people in regard to economy; now that man is an excellent financier, director in a bank, and has laid aside a nice fortune. And yet, today, that fellow

is congratulating himself on the fact that his county has never seen fit to build a system of hard-surfaced roads and to our certain knowledge that man has worn out three or four fine cars in the last six or seven years—BUT HE SAVES THE TAX MONEY, AND HE IS SATISFIED.

GO LIKE HELL.

We see that at Medina, Ohio, a

sign for the benefit of autoists has been posted. "Go like hell. There is plenty of room in the cemetery." A day or two later a policeman was fatally injured by a speedster who was riding "like hell." It's alright for the auto speedster to ride "like hell," and kill himself, but we do not think he ought to kill other people who are opposed to the "riding like hell" plan.

BETTER HIGHWAYS A DEMAND.

From the Ballinger Ledger, the more a man travels in an automobile the more he is impressed with the fact that the day is fast coming when the nation will be a net-work of first class highways. Autos are increasing, and auto travel is increasing, and the man who pays repair bills realizes that it would be cheaper to build roads than to pay repair bills which bad roads are responsible for, to say nothing of the saving in time and gas bills.

THE WORTH OF GOOD ROADS.

The Pampa News comments as follows on the worth of good roads: "Good roads mean prosperity; they mean progress; they mean education; they mean a full life, worth living; they mean the greatest amount of haulage; they mean greater profits from farm produce because they cost less to haul over good roads. Good roads everywhere mean prosperity and happiness everywhere. Those are some of the reasons why we are for good roads."

AIN'T IT GRAND.

This is the way an exchange sums up our troubles: "If you

haven't an automobile, you are out of everything, including debt. If a friend presents you with a turkey, you can't get it home conveniently. If you wish to go anywhere not on a railroad, you must call a service car or depend upon a friend who owns a car, and you and your car-owning friends are seldom inter-

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## Horn Pays Tribute To John L. Wortham

Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the Texas Technological College, has given out the following statement in appreciation of his friend, the late John L. Wortham of Houston:

Some men have the genius for money-making, others for politics, others for oratory and others for mechanical pursuits. John L. Wortham had talent along several of these lines, but he had a positive genius for friendship.

He would go further and do more for a friend and expect less in return for it than any other man I ever knew.

### HELPING HIS FRIEND.

As an illustration of this fact, one can point to Mr. Wortham's relations with R. B. Cousins. Years ago, when Mr. Cousins was superintendent of the city schools of Mexia, he decided to run for the office of State Superintendent of Schools. In his desire he was largely encouraged by the schoolmen of the State and also by Mr. Wortham. When the time came for making the campaign, Mr. Wortham virtually laid aside his own business for months and devoted himself to working for his friend. When Mr. Cousins was elected, it was a recognized fact that Mr. Wortham was one of the strong factors in the result.

And what did Mr. Wortham expect in return? Not one single thing. He had been instrumental in helping to secure a good man for an important office, and in doing something for his friend. That was all the reward that he wanted. I am quite certain that it was largely on account of Mr. Wortham's first began to take an interest in me. When I was an applicant for the superintendency of the city schools of Houston, Mr. Wortham heard of that fact and without my even asking him to do so, he concentrated all the influence at his command upon one particular member of the board, who was a friend of his, and whose vote was in doubt. I was elected by four votes out of seven.

And what did he ask or expect in return? Absolutely nothing.

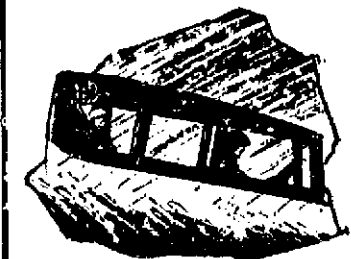
Later on, I was much interested in another matter and wrote to Mr. Wortham about it. I presumed he would perhaps at his convenience speak to one or two people whom he might meet and perhaps write a few letters in my behalf. Not only did he do these things, but in addition he dropped his own business for a week or so, took the train for a distant part of the State, and exerted himself fully as much as if his own interests had been at stake instead of mine.

### WITHOUT HOPE OF REWARD.

I am quite certain that his expenses on this trip must have amounted to a considerable sum of money. If it had been almost any other man, I should have felt that I wanted to reimburse him, not for his time, but for the money he had actually expended in traveling expenses. Since it was Mr. Wortham, I knew perfectly well that it would be offensive to him if I even suggested such reimbursement. Accordingly, the matter was never mentioned.

There are many men in the world who will do something for you if they feel that they can get something in return. Mr. Wortham was not one of these. He knew that I did not think just as he did on a number of subjects, political and otherwise; yet not in a single instance did he undertake to change either my vote or my opinion. During the twenty years in which I had the privilege of claiming his friendship, he spoke to me only twice in recommending any person to me.

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I have mentioned the cases of Mr. Cousins and myself merely because I happen to know more about these than about others. I know, however, that there were scores and hundreds of men and women in Texas and elsewhere whom Mr. Wortham exerted himself to the utmost to help, and without the expectation or the possibility of receiving in return one single thing except friendliness and good will and kindly appreciation.

### "MORE BLESSED TO GIVE."

If I were to say that he was the greatest genius at oratory or at politics or at business that I had ever known, it might be considered a very great compliment. Yet, when I state that he had a genius not so much along any of these lines as along the line of friendship, I feel that I am conferring, perhaps, the highest compliment possible.

There are many good men in the world and many good friends, but few, if any, of them have the special capacity for friendship that John L. Wortham had. His type of friendship was an exemplification of what the master of men meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I am merely one of the hundreds in Texas who feel that they are incomparably poorer because John L. Wortham has passed away, and yet, vastly richer for having known him at all. There are no others just like him.

I can think of no more fitting words to apply to him than those which a great orator a generation back used in his funeral oration after the death of his brother; "If every man, woman and child to whom he has ever done a kind deed were to place one single flower above his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers."

## One Mexia Mason Gets Certificate

M. W. (Walter) Anderson, of Springfield Lodge No. 74, A. F. and A. M., returned last Friday from Waco, where he went before the Masonic committee on work and

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stood examination for a certificate. He stood a splendid examination, only getting six marks, and was awarded a certificate to teach the work.

Mr. Anderson took the Masters degree last fall, about a year ago, and at the next election in June, on account of his application to learn the work and his efficiency in

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## At The National Today



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den, and when the grand lodge met he went before the committee and took the examination, successfully.

**NATIONAL POULTRY ASSOCIATION IN DALLAS**

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—The Premier and Dallas National Poultry associations opened consolidated winter show here Wednesday. The show ends Dec. 14.

The shows were consolidated in order to make the Dallas event the greatest of its kind in the southwest, officials said.

Representatives of Texas A. & M. attended and gave lectures. Cash prizes aggregating thousands of dollars will be awarded.

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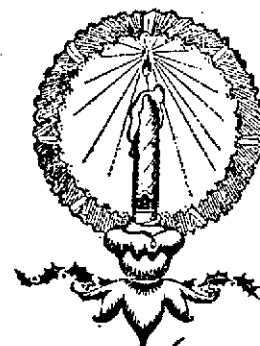
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## TUESDAY DECEMBER

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# POLLS AND DOD ROADS EMBER 16TH.

**Leave This Sentence On Your Ballot;**

*"For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof."*

## FOR THE ISSUE

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Premiergast-Smith National Bank  
Mexa Rotary Club  
Mexa Lions Club  
Community Power & Light Co. of Tex.  
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Central Texas Grocery Co.

Etchison Produce Co.  
J. I. Riddle & Co.  
John R. Corley Co.  
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A. M. Wesson  
News Publishing Co.

# BELL EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR HELPFUL SPIRIT

Judge H. E. Bell, Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission left Saturday night for Austin, after having spent several days here on three successive trips since the discovery of the new Wortham field by the Boyd Oil company. Before leaving he expressed the appreciation of the department and of the Railroad Commission to The Mexia Daily News for the assistance given in carrying the statements of local interest direct to the people through the columns daily.

Laten Stanberry, Assistant Chief Supervisor, is to remain here and he and District Deputy John Locke are to handle the situation which is expected to create a bigger demand than ever on the division since the Penn-McCorkle 1 came in Saturday within the townsite of Wortham.

Judge Bell stated that the drilling campaign now on in the new field is without parallel in the history of the State. He also expressed the appreciation of the department to the oil fraternity for the cooperation extended during the busy days of perplexing problems.

The regular permits are to go through the regular way, while Mr. Stanberry and Mr. Locke are to continue to handle applications for special permits first through this office in the Mexia Chamber of Commerce.

# Earthquake Causes Panic In Italy

[By United Press]  
VENICE, Dec. 13.—Inhabitants of Tolmezo, at the foot of the Carnic Alps, are in a state of panic today after the outbreak of fresh earthquake shocks which were felt all during the night.

After hearing the rumblings nearly continuously for a day and night the populace insists the "sky is open." Landslides of large boulders are frequently rolling down from nearby mountains, increasing the anxiety among the inhabitants.

At Cividale, the floor of the police station crashed to the basement following a strong shock, without injuring anyone.

# J. K. HUGHES DEVELOPING COMPANY CROUCH 1 TO SET CASING EARLY THIS WEEK

One of the wells expected to set casing during the coming week in the Wortham area is the Crouch 1 Company. It is now below Austin Chalk depths and drilling rapidly ahead, insuring that this company will be one of the first companies to get in for the flush. Its Crouch 3 and Crouch 7 are also drilling at around 500 feet. This lease is looked upon as a sure producer.

# Postal Salary Increase Bill Blocked Again

[By United Press]  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Action on the postal salaries increase bill was blocked the second time when Senator Reed of Missouri refused his assent to a unanimous consent to agreement to bring the bill up for consideration in the Senate February 25. Reed objected because the agreement would permit the bill to be referred to the Post Office Committee. Administration leaders planned to permit it to be sent to the Postoffice Committee for consolidation with the new bill raising postal rates on second class matter to meet the salary increase. It is estimated that the salaries increase measure would cause an additional expenditure of \$86,000,000. The president said he is not willing to pass the increase to the tax payer. Details of the new bill were kept secret, but it is understood that the proposed increase in second class rates involves \$35,000,000 annually. Opponents declared that it would destroy the circulation of daily papers and cause county weeklies to cease publication.

# AN INTELLIGENT PUP.

[By United Press]  
VAN ALSTYNE, Dec. 15.—This city has a dog with a passion for reading matter.

Lately he has made a thorough job of collecting behind a newspaper route carrier here.

The pup doesn't destroy his loot; he takes it home to his master.

# LIGHTS FOR INSANE.

[By United Press]  
AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—Power lighting for the State Insane Asylum will be furnished by the Austin Municipal power plant, according to an announcement here by C. N. Avery, water and light commissioner.

# Another Bandit Shot by Police

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13.—Dutch Weber, notorious Oklahoma bank bandit, was shot and killed by police today after his arrest in connection with the \$20,000 robbery at Shawnee. He was shot when he attempted to jerk a gun from the United States marshal.

All kinds of Wall Paper, priced from 10c a roll up. John R. Corley Company, 207 E. Commerce Street.

# Salesman For Skin Cream Learns How To Clear Up Pimply Complexion

Mr. Cliff Miska, of 595 Ninth Avenue, Astoria, L. I., writes: "I was a salesman of creams for healing pimples, blemishes, etc., but when my face broke out with blotches, pimples, and blackheads I tried one salve after another with no permanent results.

I found it as impossible to sell skin cream as a bald headed man finds selling hair and I felt like a new person tonic. Finally I decided I all around. Now I know what would have to get at the to do when I have a pimply cause—the blood. I was skin, you bet." This old amazed to find that within a liable remedy treats such com-few days after taking Carter's plights in a safe way. It has Little Liver Pills, my skin been used all over the world took on a new healthful look, for 67 years. 25c at all good blemishes started to disappear drug stores.



# Cotton Consumed In November

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Census Bureau reports lint cotton consumed in America November 492,000 bales, compared with 532,000 in October. Total consumption from August 1 to November 3, was 1,817,000, compared with 2,048,000 last year.

# CITY TO BUY ANOTHER PUMP FOR SPRINGFIELD

R. D. Morgan, City Secretary and also Water Superintendent here is to go to Dallas to procure another pump to be set up at Springfield for any emergency that might arise. The present pump is handling the situation admirably, Mayor Ernest Watson said Saturday. But the commissioners consider this precaution wise and advisable.

Mrs. T. O. Meador and Mrs. Clyde Ezell returned from Dallas Saturday night, where they have been visiting Mrs. Carpenter.

# BEWARE THE COUGH OR COLD THAT HANGS ON

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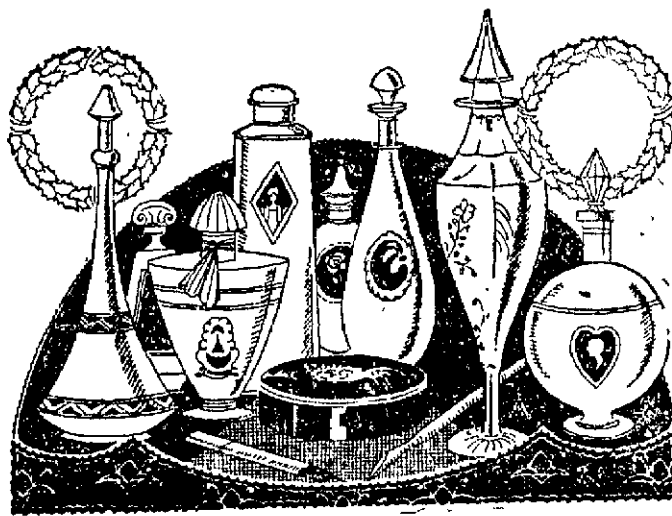
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# VOTE FOR THE ROAD BOND ISSUE TOMORROW

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

*This is a busy time and Mexia thrives, reaches out, expands in just such times as these. Mexia's growth in the past and her growth in the future have depended on a citizenship which has recognized the need of Mexia and the outlying communities, and has acted when the time came. This citizenship cannot but realize the wisdom of voting for the GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE, Tuesday, December 16th, a measure which will have a lasting effect on business and the development of Mexia for years to come. Mexia's merchants, Mexia's men and Mexia's women cannot but see the necessity, the "good business" of taking the necessary minutes from their work to cast their votes for a measure that means so much to them.*

*Representatives of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce have during the past weeks gone to the outlying communities presenting and explaining the provisions of the Bond Issue. On every hand they have been met with enthusiasm, an enthusiasm that is to bring more farmers to Mexia over good roads your vote may make possible. Can we afford to fail our good friends in these communities at such a time?*

*Go to the polls at the City Hall, tomorrow and cast your ballot——*  
**FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.**

## Mexia Chamber of Commerce

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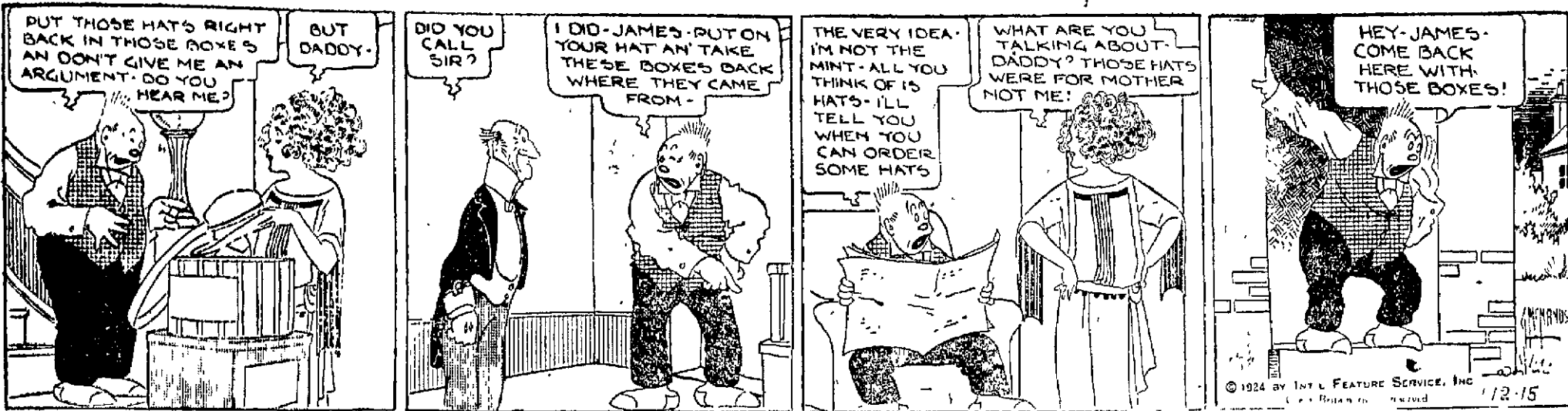


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North Bound.	
No. 19 Densen-Ft.W.	3:55 a. m.
No. 17 Dallas-Ft.W.	4:20 a. m.
No. 37 Dallas-Ft.W.	4:59 a. m.
No. 31 Dallas	1:30 p. m.
No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W.	3:31 p. m.
No. 33 Ennis	7:10 p. m.
South Bound.	
No. 20 Houston	12:16 a. m.
No. 38 Austin-SA	12:21 a. m.
No. 18 Houston	1:37 a. m.
No. 34 From Ennis-Stp.	7:15 a. m.
No. 32 From Dallas-Stp.	10:08 a. m.
No. 16 Houston-SA	11:55 a. m.
Cut-Off.	
345 From Navasota-stp.	1:47 p. m.
346 From Navasota-Lv.	7:00 a. m.
TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY	
North Bound.	
No. 8	2:31 P. M.
South Bound.	
No. 7	12:24 P. M.
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**Lost and Found**

FINDER of 35 links drive chain lost Saturday evening on S. McKinney, please return to Frank Mikolach Dean Lumber Co. and receive reward. 15X2

LOST—Somewhere in the city, suitcase containing ladies and babies clothes, black imitation leather, reward, G. G. TABOR, Dodson Machine Shop. Phone 9031. 15X3

LOST a martin fur choker somewhere in Mexia or Groesbeck Thursday night, December 11. Reward offered. Notify Miss Era Mae Smalley, Groesbeck. 14X3

**For Rent Rooms**

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms in modern home for one or two gentlemen on pavement, 712 E. Milam, phone 7234. 15X3

FOR RENT to 4 or 5 gentlemen, 1 big up four room, 5 minutes drive from city, on paved road, phone 670 or see E. L. Maddox. 15X2

NICE bed room for rent, modern conveniences, close in, 305 E. Hopkins, phone 192-W, Mrs. J. M. Costello. 15X2

FOR RENT—One room for three men, call 651 J. 14X3

FOR RENT—1 large bed room will accommodate 3 men. 2 blocks north postoffice, 318 N. Sherman, phone 1981. 11X3

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50c, clean, safe, quiet, best neighborhood, East Main and Red River Streets, 6 blocks E. City Hall. 10X6

FOR RENT—Board and rooms, also rooms partly furnished for light housekeeping, 4 miles from Wortham field, phone Tehuacana, Martine Hotel. 12X3

FURNISHED ROOM, large and comfortable, in private home, suitable for two or three gentlemen. Phone 271-J, or call at 600 East Sumpter street. 12X4

FURNISHED and unfurnished rooms for rent, box 513 or room 19 Koss and Green Bldg. 11X2

FOR RENT—Large room, suitable for light housekeeping, clothes closet, fireplace, 701 E. Grayson, phone 733J. 14X2

**For Rent**

FOR RENT—Ford truck with driver, 12.50 per day. See A. E. Herman at Sturats Auto Supply Co. or call 727W. 12X7

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WANTED—Girls, good clean healthy work. New Way Laundry, phone 499. 12X7

MR. WAGGENER, The Fuller Brush man is still in town, before talking your Christmas presents you should see his line. Phone 650J. 8X7

WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6

Remember the 16th. Vote for the bonds.

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FOR SALE—5 room modern cottage, oak floors, large deep lot garage for 2 cars, servants room, 320 South Red River or call on Wildman Furniture Store. 14X3

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FOR SALE—Residence at 314 E. Sumpter St., now bringing \$50.00 per month rental, includes rear cottage, call at rear of 408 E. Sumpter St. 12X4

FOR SALE—5 room house on South Sherman close in, part cash, balance terms to suit buyer, call 171 or 609J. 14X7

FOR SALE—Five room and bath well constructed house on double lot \$2500.00 cash, phone McGowan 136. 14X3

FOR SALE—Two 5-room houses, all modern conveniences, one 4-room house, will be sold at a bargain if sold at once. Address 902 E. Main St. Corner of Main and Ross. Phone 480-J or 709. 10X5

FOR SALE or trade—Nearly one acre of trackage property located between H. & T. C. and T. & B. V. tracks, 3 blocks west of passenger depot. Will make right price or trade for Ft. Worth residence property, real estate men take notice, address M. K. Miller, Box 975, Ft. Worth, Texas. 10X6

FOR SALE—Residence lots, lights, water, gas and sewer. Close to pavements, easy term. It will pay to investigate this offer. CARL DAVIS, phone 399. R-31-30

FOR SALE—My home on McKinney Street, four acres of land, two acres front on R. R. will sell separate from home. See W. B. Jackson. 11X7

FOR SALE — Modern five room house close to grammar school and high school, 1/4 block off pavement located 818 East Sumpter, see A. W. Bonner at W. A. Jackson Co. SX7

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The Flapper and Her Father

Drinking, Smoking and Petting Parties Lead an Anxious Parent to Ask: "Can I Trust My Daughter"

THE flapper pursuing her quest for freedom too far has led at least one father to ask for guidance in protecting her from herself.

"How," he asks, "can a girl remember her home training when the young man she meets takes her into an atmosphere of raw fun, cigarettes, the close contacts of the modern dance, midnight motor rides and so-called 'petting parties'?"

This well-to-do business man, shocked by the sudden discovery of the social dangers surrounding his daughter, has written for January SMOKER an outspoken article telling the actual perils he sees his carefully-trained girl passing through. "Can I trust my daughter to trust herself," he asks, and adds that "I don't doubt that millions of fathers all over the country are asking themselves the same thing without daring to put the question in words."

One of the occurrences that alarmed him is thus described:

"The young crowd, daughters and sons of neighbors, all nice enough people, were gathered at the house for an impromptu dance. Our girl went into the kitchen and made a large pitcher of what we supposed was orangeade. Without the least thought of spying on them in any way, but solely because it was a hot evening and I was thirsty, I took a glass of the stuff myself while the children were dancing. "It had a kick like a mule—I learned afterwards that nearly a quart of gin had gone into it—and the young fellow whom I asked about it, the son of one of my best friends, admitted with a laugh that the contents of all the boys' flasks had gone into it. "To put some pep in the evening!"

"My wife had a talk with our daughter about that, and the girl admitted in tears that she had had only one glass of the mixture herself, but that if we made a fuss about it the crowd wouldn't come to the house any more, but would go to the houses of other girls whose parents were less strict.

"What are we to do?" the father questions, and answers:

"I am at a loss to know. Prohibition, of any sort, would be worse than useless. I can't cut her off from her friends, and whatever I may forbid in my own house they are certain to do somewhere else, if they wish.

"The other day I put my arm about my daughter's shoulder and said, 'You know, dear girl, it would kill me to see any harm come to you.' And in reply to that, she asked, 'Why, Dad, can't you trust me?'

"I've been asking myself that question ever since. 'Can I trust her?' Not her honesty, not her fineness, but her strength under the abnormal conditions which surround her. In other words, can she trust herself? Can any girl of sixteen, who tries to extract an evening's thrill from playing with the profoundest emotions of human existence?"

Dallas Stork Favors Boys

(By United Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—Joe Stork apparently favors "masculinity," recent deliveries to Dallas show.

During the month of November and in the early part of December, 218 boys and 181 girls were born.

Dallas social scientists, admitting perplexity, are dusting some of the old theories for a possible "re-hash."

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TOMORROW NIGHT

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# Fire Chief Urges Caution During Holiday Season

The Christmas holidays are drawing near and consequently the younger folks are beginning to get the genuine Christmas spirit, which is sometimes celebrated with the shooting of fire works around the business district of the city.

Fire Chief Pittman calls your attention to the fact that it is against the city ordinance to shoot sky rockets, fire crackers and roman candles within the fire district.

The number of fires has been exceedingly small for the past several weeks and it is largely due to the fact that the people of Mexia have cooperated with the Fire Department in eliminating fire hazards wherever possible. The flimsy paper Christmas decorations are very easily inflammable and is the cause of many disastrous fires during this season of the year.

NOVEL PARTY FOR BRIDE-ELECT

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Leta Mae McCravy of Mexia to Mr. Edgar T. Staton of Savannah, Ga., was the feature of a novel party given by Miss Fern Wilson in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Wilson at Thornton, Texas, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13.

In the receiving line were the honoree and out of town guests: Miss Leta Mae McCravy, Mr. Edgar T. Staton, Mrs. R. S. McCravy, mother of the bride-elect, Miss Tessie Spearman of Mexia, the house-guest of Miss McCravy, Mrs. W. A. Jackson and Miss Maureen They both of Teague, Mrs. Tom L. Cox

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The afternoon's entertainment consisted of a musical and dramatic programme, unique in its appropriateness for the occasion, and was rendered by Mrs. Guy Wilson, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Christine Raider, Miss Mary Gresham, and Mrs. W. A. Jackson.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Jackson's solo "Love Brings A Sweet Gift of Roses," cupid, little Virginia Wilson shot a white arrow through the door to the feet of the favored couple. Miss found that the arrow bore this message which she read to the delight of all hearers.

From the land of romance—"Tis a love message I bring, of two hearts that tied to agree in everything.

So when Edgar Staton asked that the one great question be answered with "yes", Leta Mae McCravy, thought and thought, until it seemed her heart and hand would burst but finally agreed to become his on January the first, Cupid.

The refreshment plate which consisted of chicken salad, olives, bread and butter, sandwiches, tea and wafers, was ornamented with a miniature bride and groom and a cupid's bow and arrow.

Edgar T. Staton, representing the Clover Leaf Life and Casualty Company has made his headquarters in Mexia.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

## SEVERAL MAD DOGS KILLED LATELY

Several mad dog cases have been reported in the Eastern part of the city within the last few days. The city officers have killed several dogs in that neighborhood in an effort to prevent the spreading of rabies.

Louis Gordon was here from Waco Monday.

Lanchlin McNeill was here from Ranger today.

G. C. Barley of Ranger was here Sunday.

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## Help Mexia Grow

VOTE FOR THE BONDS.

There are many arguments in favor of the citizenship of Consolidated Road District 4 going to the polls Tuesday and voting FOR the bonds for the development of the complete network of hard surface and gravel roads throughout every community of the territory prescribed in the issue.

In addition to the general reasons advanced for the success of the issue to be voted on, there are numerous special ones probably more convincing even, at this particular time, than the general ones.

Among these special reasons are the insurance they provide for the area designated and the advantages of securing the funds through taxation right now when the taxable resources of the Consolidated district are probably higher than they will be in future years, at least for many years to come.

The question is asked of the taxpayers of this city and the surrounding communities in the district do they want a Consolidated Road District bond election or do they want a County wide good roads election. Tuesday this question is asked and then it will be answered. You will answer it by the way you cast your vote. For it is a well known fact that efforts are now being contemplated to call such a county election. The proposed Limestone election would be along the same lines as that to be voted on Tuesday. By it all of the outstanding bonds of the various road districts in the county would be lumped together and lifted and a balance also voted to build additional roads. Consolidated road district number 4, where practically 70 per cent of the taxable resources of the county are found, would find itself through the successful carrying of such an issue paying 70 per cent of the taxes for the new roads and the new roads would likely be built largely in other parts of the county, where the people who pay most for them would receive the least benefits. A County issue would increase the taxes of Consolidated road district 4 far more than the issue to be voted on Tuesday. That a county issue, under the present circumstances would carry, is not doubted by any in possession of the full facts. For, generally speaking, road taxes outside of this district, are far heavier than they now are here and the proposal of the county issue would take up all the outstanding road bond indebtedness and create the same road tax for every district in the county. Generally speaking, it would mean lower taxes for road construction and maintenance purposes for every citizen of Limestone county, with the exception of those of this district. Naturally, meaning lighter taxes, the county issue would be favored by a vast majority of Limestone County citizens and would carry, despite the opposition that might be found here.

Although the biggest per cent of the taxable properties are found in this section of the county, yet the voting citizenship is small in proportion to its taxable assets and the number of voters here are not in proportion to population as elsewhere. So many of the people of this part of the county are new comers and claim their citizenship elsewhere.

This is not advanced as inimical to Limestone County. The citizens of this section love the county, and are loyal to its progressive ambitions, but it is obvious to any sensible and fair individual that a county issue along the lines suggested would not be fair to this end of the county nor would it be just and right to the taxpayers. It is willing to go its part, based on taxable assets for future programs of betterment, but naturally is not favorable to a proposition that would pile the debts of others, for previously made contracts, on this district.

It is apparent then that the contemplated county wide issue was based primarily upon the idea of making a uniform tax rate for road bond purposes throughout Limestone County rather than for the construction of uniform good roads throughout the county, and this at the expense of the taxpayers of Mexia and consolidated road district, with no insurance whatever that any of the additional good roads would be built with an eye on the advancement of this particular section.

Another way of putting the question is, do Mexia citizens want to

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## MANY WELLS TO COMPLETE THIS WEEK

## MAN HELD FOR KILLING HIS TRAVELING MATE

[By United Press] ST. JOHN, Kas., Dec. 15.—Thomas Snead, 25, of Van Buren, Ark., was being held in jail here today for the murder of his traveling companion, J. R. Williams, 59, near here yesterday. Snead and Williams were traveling overland in a covered wagon.

A quarrel over a debt Snead said Williams owed him resulted in Snead beating the older man to death with a hand ax. Snead claimed Williams started the fight and that he killed the latter in self-defense. To make sure of the job, Snead shot Williams through the body.

Snead was captured by a posse after a passing motorist saw the two men fighting.

## LAKE SUPERIOR IS SEARCHED FOR BODIES

[By United Press] SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Dec. 15.—Beaches along Lake Superior were being combed today for bits of wreckage and bodies from a freighter believed to have sunk with a crew of thirty men and officers off Eagle Harbor, Mich., in a gale Sunday.

Wood of the hatches, spars, rigging and other bits of wreckage that were carried ashore on lashing waves last night were the first indications that a ship had gone down. None carried any markings to indicate the name of the ship. The amount of wreckage indicated the boat foundered and probably carried a crew of approximately thirty men and officers, coast guards said.

All the fury of the 70-mile gale was spent today. Small craft that was reported missing in the storm of Sunday was still unaccounted for today.

## Would Hang Holdup Men; Drown Professional Bondsmen

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Hold-up men should be hanged, professional bondsmen should be thrown into the Missouri River and bootleggers customers should be sentenced to sixty days in jail, the Rev. I. M. Hargitt, pastor of the Grand Avenue Temple declared in a sermon here last night.

The pastor denounced crime and vice in Kansas City, declaring "crooks like Kansas City because it is easy for them."

The sermon Sunday followed a week of hold-ups and shootings in which one person was shot to death and a bandit killed when the automobile in which he was fleeing, struck a tree. Reverend Hargitt made a scathing verbal attack on the police department, charging local law enforcement was a joke.

## Ford Buyers Save Three Quarters Of Million In December

The reduction in prices announced by the Ford Motor Company becoming effective December 2 will save over three-quarters of a million dollars to Ford car buyers during the month of December alone. That this amount will be left to the car buyers to spend on holiday gifts and other things is based on a conservative estimate of December sales.

The largest cut in the Ford list was that of \$25 in the price of the Fordor Sedan, one of the most attractive Ford closed cars and one which is a favorite for family use.

Prices on other Ford types were also reduced bringing all of them to the lowest price level in the history of the company.

## THOUSANDS SEE GOMPERS BODY IN ST. LOUIS SUNDAY

[By United Press] ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 15.—Thousands of men and women braved the cold here this morning to view the body of Samuel Gompers, fallen labor chieftain here on the first leg of the journey for burial in Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, N. Y.

A body guard of fifteen representatives of the Central Labor Union were on duty about the car, ushering the throng of people about the station platform. A special squad of patrolmen also was on duty.

Gompers' body will lie in state on the private car here until noon following which it will be transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for the last trip east.

## Former Gov. Glynn Of New York Dead

[By United Press] ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Martin H. Glynn, who rose from poverty to be Governor of the Empire State and one of the best known orators in the country, is dead at his home here. Seized with a heart attack Sunday afternoon, he died before medical aid could reach him.

Prominent in Irish affairs in this country Glynn was credited by David Lloyd George with doing more to bring about settlement of the dispute between Ireland and England than any one man.

## Four Former Pro Officers Sentenced

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—The four former federal prohibition agents convicted on charge of extortion and conspiracy to violate the prohibition law and sentenced to two years at Leavenworth and fined \$2,000 today, were Arthur Curran, former head of the Missouri group, Melton Apt, Manning Wilcox and Harvey Storms.

## T. A. Stockton Dies Early Monday

T. A. Stockton, 72 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bon Hickman on North Kaufman street Monday morning at seven o'clock. The deceased has resided in Limestone County for the past forty years most of this time at Groesbeck, Texas. He was born in East Tennessee in 1852, coming to this state at the age of thirteen.

Besides Mrs. Bon Hickman the deceased is survived by V. T. Stockton, Mrs. Maggie Riley, of Oklahoma, Mrs. Monte Leuschner from Otto, Texas, Mrs. Gran Blanchard, of Waco, H. L. Stockton of Plainview, Texas, M. L. Stockton of Quinton, Okla., U. C. Stockton of Duncan Oklahoma, T. J. Stockton of Oklahoma, and a step-son E. G. Salser of Lamesa, Texas all children of Mr. Stockton. He is also survived by a large number of sisters and brothers, all of whom reside in this state.

Funeral service will be held at Glenwood Cemetery at Groesbeck, Texas, Dec. 16th at 2:30 o'clock. J. I. Riddle Undertaking Company has charge of funeral arrangements.

## Last Years Killer Goes to Trial Today

FORT WORTH, Dec. 15.—C. N. Livingston, of Grapevine, was placed on trial here today on charge of murder in connection with the death of Alfred Davis, shot to death here a year ago.

Livingston, the prosecution will charge, shot Davis after Livingston's daughter accused him of attacking her.

The regular meeting of the Elks Club will be held at their club rooms on North Sherman Street Monday night. All visiting Elks are welcome.

## SAMUEL GOMPERS

(BEN B. HUNT)

The world will weep for Gompers now,  
Because his day is done;  
Regretful tears are freely shed  
To see his setting sun;  
For Gompers was a Noble Chief  
Who loved his native land,  
And now his death will bow in grief  
All those who understand.

His stalwart ship was ably manned,  
And weathered every tide;  
He ran the course his heart had planned,  
And never turned aside;  
He struggled on from early dawn  
Of life's tempestuous day,  
With honest heart and brain and brawn  
In such a splendid way!

He never fawned on any man,  
Nor once forgot the poor,  
But through his life's unselfish plan  
They found an open door,—  
A door that led through portals fine,  
By Hope's refreshing spring,  
Where Hope's inspiring sun could shine  
And cheer and comfort bring.

Now labor's lost that grand old man—  
The world has lost him, too;  
But none hath left a nobler span  
Across the tranquil blue.  
The poor, oppressed will shed a tear—  
O, they are weeping now!  
And all the world beside his bier  
In honest grief will bow.

## E. L. SMITH OIL COMPANY'S EDWARDS 1 SET CASING AND BEALL BEGINS BAILING AT NOON

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1, south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 gusher has set casing and the work of drilling in is to begin at an early date this week. The well is considered certain for gusher production, the equivalent of that of the Penn which has shown improvement hourly since it came in Saturday at noon. The Company is making arrangements to drill several other wells on this lease.

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's tank farm, just North of town, in Limestone County, is being built rapidly. The grades for the 55s are being completed and material is coming in for the storage to be provided. Pipe line connections are being made for the operations of the company which are now at sand depths. The Smith Beall 1 began bailing in about noon, at 2992 feet.

## Congress Halts To Honor Late Woodrow Wilson

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Congress today halted its work to honor the memory of Woodrow Wilson in joint memorial session.

Assembling at noon in the hall of the House where nearly eight years ago, Wilson summoned the Nation to war, the two legislative bodies, with distinguished guests representing other branches of the Government will listen to eulogies of the Nation's war-time President.

President Coolidge and his Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign powers, Governors of States and friends of the dead President, including several of his Cabinet, will be present.

Simple and solemn services are arranged. A prayer will be read. A eulogy will be delivered by Wilson's old friend and companion, Edwin Anderson Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, where the war leader schooled. A benediction will be pronounced and the distinguished gathering will then adjourn.

The day was set aside by act of Congress. A resolution was passed appointing a committee headed by Senator Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia and Representative Isaac Baccarach, of New Jersey, to make the arrangements. Admittance is to be given only by card.

But other who revered him early today paid a less auspicious but more touching tribute. They plodded in steady lines from early morning by the winding wooded road to his grave in the shadowed little chapel of the National Cathedral, carrying wreaths and flowers to his shrine.

L. J. Gray painfully injured his left foot Sunday morning about 8 o'clock by dropping a tool joint on his foot at the yard of the drilling department of the Magnolia Petroleum company. Dr. H. C. Maxwell attended the injured man.

## Veteran Railroad Man of Oklahoma Pays Supreme Price

[By United Press] CHICKASHA, Ok., Dec. 15.—James ("Pard") Higgeson, 62 years old, of Oklahoma City, who for a number of years has been a Frisco conductor, met his death near here early Sunday morning when he entered a burning passenger car of the train enroute from Quannah, Tex., to St. Louis, to see that all passengers were out.

No passengers were injured and only the baggage car and smoker were lost.

The flames were first noticed in a pile of cotton in the baggage car about two miles west of Chickasha and W. O. Dowdy, baggageman, went into the smoker to give the "stop" signal. He was unable to get back into the baggage car and the smoker was soon in flames. Both cars were unhooked and pushed away from the rest of the train by the passengers and Mr. Higgeson, despite warnings from his crew, went back into the smoker to assure himself that no passengers were there. He fell near the rear exit and was carried out by Jesse Barefoot (dead head fireman). He succumbed a few hours later in a local hospital.

## CHILD BREAKS ARM WHILE PLAYING

While playing in the yard in front of the house, Eugene Wilkins, 10 year-old son of D. D. Wilkins of Ancon, Texas, fell from a tree fracturing and dislocating his left elbow. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon near Shiloh where the lad was visiting relatives.

D. S. Somer, an employe of Humble Oil and Refining Company fractured his foot about 7:30 Sunday morning while cutting a joint of pipe. Dr. J. C. Kearns dressed the injury.

## THE WEATHER.

Texas—Unsettled, probably rain. Colder Tuesday.

## NOTICE ADVERTISERS.

Our edition known as our "Christmas Shopper's Guide" will be published tomorrow, December 16th. This edition will be distributed in the towns of Groesbeck, Coolidge and Teague in addition to the regular mailing list and street sales in Mexia and Wortham.

Please turn your advertising copy over to us as early in the morning as possible.

The NEWS.

## POLICE GUARD IS INCREASED IN NEW YORK TONG WAR

[By United Press] NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—An already strong police guard in Chinatown was doubled today following slaying of a neutral Chinese-American by tong men and threats of a renewal of bloody warfare between the Hip Sings and On Leongs. The Chinese-American, Chin Song, 19, an American citizen for many years was shot down as he stood in front of his home last night with his family.

The assassins worked so stealthily that police and detectives in the same block did not hear the reports of their pistols.

Police believe Song was shot thru mistake or under the impression he was an informer.

## TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS TO DISCUSS TICKS

[By United Press] FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 15.—The executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association will meet here tomorrow to discuss the tick eradication in question.

A conference recently held in San Antonio by Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson, provided for extermination of the tick in counties south and west of the Colorado river but left the territory north and east of the river subject to local option.

The conference, it was said, expects to organize an intensive campaign to eradicate the tick in that region.

## GERMAN CABINET STEPS DOWN FINALLY

[By United Press] BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The German cabinet, headed by Chancellor Marx, resigned today. President Ebert accepted the resignation. Ministers met with the chancellor this morning, but delayed action on the resignation because negotiations over the week end failed to clarify the situation resulting from the general elections. Later Marx offered the resignation when the cabinet empowered him to withhold it if he, Ebert, thought advisable.

## MRS. J. K. HUGHES BEGINS DRILLING IN HER SIMMONS 1 WELL SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. J. K. Hughes Simmons 1 began drilling in Sunday night in the midst of the great activity in the Wortham field, just south of the city limits and in proven territory. The depth at noon today was 2940 feet and the well will be sent to around 2990 before bailing. Her number 2 is drilling in Austin Chalk at 2255 feet. Her number 3 is down below 1100 feet and the number 4 has set surface casing.

FRENCH PREMIER SICK PARIS, Dec. 15.—The condition of Premier Herriot, ill with la grippe and rheumatism, is reported improved.

## RECORDS BEING ESTABLISHED IN DISTRICT NORTHEAST

With many wells drilling in and scores of others nearing the rich pay depths; with more than 100 additional tests either drilling or being rigged up and with scores of other locations being made, the Wortham oil field today presents the most inspiring sight known to followers of the petroleum industry.

It all means that before the week is up, many new wells will be added to the production column of the field, now less than one month old but which has a daily production equivalent to that of the old Mexia field.

Before the end of the month, at least fifty completions will be recorded and the pipe line companies will be found to be very active in handling the growing production.

The outlook is that it will be several months before the peak is reached and drilling will be going on six months from now and then some.

The traffic is dense all through the field.

From Mexia to Dallas, railroad yards hold hundreds of car load shipments due for the oil field, while here and at Wortham additional hundreds are being unloaded. The heavy business is already probably equivalent to that of the peak days of November and December 1921 at Mexia.

Records are being established by drillers in the speed shown in the various operations, and tank builders also are breaking all known records. The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company will witness the completion in a very few hours of its first 55,000 barrel steel storage reservoir on the Carter farm between Mexia and Wortham. Although work began on it just eight days ago, the tank is just about completed and the minute that it is finished the Prairie Pipe Line Company will have completed an 8 inch line from the Simmons lease to turn crude into this storage. No such speed was ever before shown.

Prior to the discovery of the first well in the new field, the Humphreys Boyd had the material rolling for this and many other tanks that are rapidly going up.

In addition to that, this company had purchased more than a half a million dollars worth of equipment for its drilling campaign.

It was due to this faith and foresight that such speed has been made possible and Colonel Humphreys is happy as well as busy while looking the manifold activities of his company in this vast empire of oil.

## Murderer of Youths Confesses to Others

[International News Service] HANOVER, Germany, Dec. 15.—Verging on collapse, Fritz Haarman murderer of thirty youths, is unable to follow proceedings at his trial. Regarding one of the murders, he told the judge today:

"Charge it to me; it's all right with me."

Haarman has confessed to three additional killings since the original list of twenty-seven was drawn up.

## Mrs. Elsie Sweetin Says She Didn't

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 15.—Taking the stand in her own defense, Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, on trial with Lawrence M. Hight, former pastor, for the murder of her husband in a love pact, today denied the knowledge of the murder confession bearing her signature. She said she didn't remember any of the events at the Salem jail where the confession was made.

W. M. Brown, manager of the J. R. Neece Lumber company at Teague who has been in Mexia for the past several days assisting the local company during the rush period, is ill in the rooms of the company on Palestine street.



**Pupils of Mrs. W. B. Landrum Give Recital**

Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. B. Landrum gave a student's recital at her studio, 300 East Millam Street, in which her younger pupils took part. The mother's of the pupils and several friends were invited to hear the program, which was as follows:

"The Five Senses"—by Teddy Boy Prickett.

"Hello"—by J. E. Baxter.

"Orator Puff"—by George Tidwell.

"The Radio"—by Lura Easterling.

"Five Little Chicks"—by Francis Heibel.

"A Boy's Tribute"—by Arthur Bonner.

"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm"—Polly Parker.

"1492"—by Harold Kendrick.

"An If for Girls"—by Geraldine Vestal.

"Being Brave at Night"—by Paul Bickner.

"Her Costumes"—by Cleo Caldwell.

"Texas"—by Jasper Easterling.

"What Happened to Rex"—by Sylvia Mae Smith.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Dear aSanta Claus:

How are you Santa Claus? I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an airgun a bicycle and some candy and fruit. Santa Claus I already have a train and a truck.

I want a wagon. Well Santa I guess I better clothes for this time.

WOODSON HUGGINS.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a little red car and a little girls fountain pen and a walking doll. And please bring my little baby sister a doll and a horn and some building blocks. If you have plenty of nuts and candy we would like to have some of that too. Lots of love from,

BETTINE L. RHEILLIPS.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a cow-boy suit, a wagon, a tool chest, bring a rope with the cow-boy suit. Some caps for my pistol. Fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets, nuts, candy and fruit. Your little friend,

R. L. MADDOX, JR.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

**NEWS SPOTLIGHT CENTRES ON THESE.**



Above: THOMAS W. LAWSON & HENRY M. DAWES. Below: MRS. LYDIA LOCKE MARKS & JOHN HENRY WHITLEY

Controller of the Currency Henry M. Dawes, brother of Vice President-elect Charles Gates Dawes, has resigned, and it is understood he is slated for the presidency of General Dawes's Pure Oil Company. Recently divorced from Arthur T. Marks, millionaire head of the Skinner Organ Company, Mrs. Lydia Locke Marks, has been married for the fourth time when she became the bride of her secretary, Henry Dornblaser, at Yorktown, N. Y.

Thomas W. Lawson, author of "Frenzied Finance," now poor and dying in a modest retreat at Bar Harbor, Maine, is seriously ill, and a nurse has been rushed from Boston to give him insulin treatment.

The recently elected British House of Commons has assembled and unanimously elected John Henry Whitley as speaker. He has held the post since April, 1921.

**LIONS AND ROTARY MEET AT METHODIST CHURCH TUESDAY**

The Mexia Rotary Club and Lions Club will hold a joint meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 12:10 p. m. at the Methodist church. The program will be in charge of Lions Hollingsworth, Hearn and Hodges, who promise a most wonderful program. The artists have been imported from out of the city and every one is promised a great treat.

This is the first joint meeting of the two clubs in over a year and much good should be derived from it. The good road election of Tuesday will be discussed and all urged to vote and to encourage to vote everyone possible. This will possibly be the last meeting during this year and a large attendance is expected.

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WANTED—A first class solicitor, apply at American Dry Cleaners. 16X2

**22,000 Killed And 678,000 Injured In Road Accidents**

[By United Press]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—More than 22,000 persons were killed and 678,000 injured in street and highway accidents throughout the Nation during 1924, it was revealed today as city, highway and police authorities gathered here with representatives of automobiles and insurance companies in an effort to lessen the toll of the deadly automobile and the grade crossing.

The total dead was placed in round figures at 22,000.

Secretary of Commerce Hoover called the conference to draft a national policy to guide cities and States in campaigns to cut down the ever increasing lists of accidents and eliminate street and highway congestion.

Six committees have been investigating traffic situations in different States and cities, with the cooperation of State highway board and city officials and will present their recommendations.

Startling increases in automobile collisions, grade crossing deaths and the tremendous economic waste caused by the jammed streets of the cities caused Hoover to conduct studies of the situation.

Lack of uniformity among traffic rules in cities will be one of the principal questions. An attempt will be made to arrive at a uniform code for city streets and rural highways.

Special attention will be given to the problem of reckless and incompetent driver. An effort will be made to get all States to pass laws requiring automobilists to carry licenses which can be obtained only after passing a rigid examination.

Hoover believes the traffic deaths will continue to increase until some drastic action is taken to relieve the situation. With twelve million cars in active operation on streets designed mostly for horse traffic, the menace to life and property is increasing even faster than the number of vehicles, he believes.

**PROMINENT COTTON DEALER DEAD IN OKLA.**

[International News Service]

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—Frank E. Anderson of the firm of Anderson & Clayton, prominent southwest cotton dealers, died suddenly here today. The cause was not determined.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

**WOMEN WHO FIGURE IN NEWS OF THE DAY**



Above: MRS. AUGUSTIN McHUGH & MRS. RUTH AUGUSTIN. Below: MRS. RAYMOND BELMONT & MRS. JOHANNA GADSKI

Her romance ended, Mrs. Raymond Belmont of New York, formerly the beautiful Carolyn B. Hurlbut, is reported on her way to Paris to seek a divorce from the son of Major August Belmont, multi-millionaire sportsman. Mme. Johanna Gadske, famous prima donna, close her theatrical engagement in Philadelphia to sail for Germany, where she will undergo an operation on her throat, the result of an abscessed tooth. Augustin McHugh, of New York, playwright and author of "Love in Twenty Minutes," had planned to remain a bachelor, but when he met Miss Helen Coulahan, artist's model, he made love for twenty minutes, proposed in two seconds, and spent the next four hours getting a marriage license. Miss Ruth Nugent, New York actress, daughter of J. C. Nugent, veteran actor and playwright, has been married to Alan Bunch, himself an actor.

**Man Died While Playing Golf**

[By United Press]

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 15.—C. A. (Chappie) McFarland, theater manager and former manager of the Southern Enterprises in Houston, succumbed to heart attack Sunday afternoon while playing golf on a local course.

McFarland was a former member of the St. Louis and Pittsburgh National League baseball clubs and manager of the Oklahoma City club of the Western League. He dropped dead as he prepared to tee his ball for a drive.

CONGRESS TODAY.

Joint session in the hall of the House for memorial services for the late President Woodrow Wilson. Both houses will adjourn out of respect to his memory immediately after services are concluded.

B. F. Vernon had his left foot crushed about 2:30 Sunday afternoon while moving a rotary from the derick floor. Vernon was an employee of the J. K. Hughes Developing Co. Dr. M. M. Brown dressed the injury.

**Honors Conferred On Dead Racer**

CULVER CITY, Calif., Dec. 15.—Jimmy Murray, killed in an exhibition race months ago, was given a posthumous award of national speed driving automobile championship by the national board.

**FORMER MAYOR OF IOWA PARK DEAD**

[International News Service]

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 15.—James C. Ralston, former mayor of Iowa Park, near here, was killed yesterday when he tripped and accidentally discharged his shotgun.

**BIG CHINAMAN EXECUTED**

[International News Service]

PEKING, Dec. 15.—Li Yen Ching, who was personal treasurer to President Tsao Kun during the latter's administration, was executed at noon today. He was found guilty of criminal misuse of funds.

**HELP MEXIA GROW**

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see their road taxes increased slightly for 70 miles of better highways and country roads in this territory or do they want to see their taxes increased greatly to pay off bond issues for other and more distant districts without any guarantee whatever of deriving anything like the immediate benefits that such an increase would otherwise warrant and with very little for anybody else outside the matter of lowering their road taxes?

It was due to the knowledge that such a county election was being agitated and discussed that the citizens of Consolidated Road District 4 got busy and prepared the petition by which the election of Tuesday was called.

In case the district issue passes Tuesday, which is natural to be expected, the inducement for the county issue will not be the same thereafter, at least if proposed along the original lines of consolidating all county road indebtedness, for the \$1,571,000 involved in the issue would then have to be placed in the same collection of outstanding bonds with all others, making it necessary for a larger than ever county issue. In case the election Tuesday fails, then the taxpayers of the district may in a short while expect to be called to the polls to vote on the county consolidation plan. So vote the bonds Tuesday.

**VOTE FOR THE GOOD ROAD BONDS, TOMORROW DEC. 16TH.**

—and in doing so, vote for the good of the Mexia, Shiloh and Forest Glade Consolidated Road Precinct No. 4.

The passage of these bonds mean that all the main highways from the Precinct line to Mexia will be made first-class, hard surfaced roads and the roads leading from the main highways will be hard surfaced and graveled. This means much to the rural district for it means good roads to market in any and all kinds of weather. The passage of these bonds will require that all money provided for must be spent within this precinct and not one cent of it will be spent in the city limits of Mexia. In the event that the bonds do not carry and a county wide bond issue is had and passed, this consolidated road Precinct No. 4 would not be assured of any certain part of the bonds for the selection of roads to be improved would be left to the discretion of the Commissioners Court.

**GOOD ROADS ARE NEEDED IN THIS PRECINCT, SO VOTE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PRECINCT AND VOTE FOR THE BONDS**

*J. K. Hughes*



# Boyd-Simmons Lease Is Most Active Spot on Earth

## THANKSGIVING DAY GUSHER MAKING OVER 8,000 BBLs. DAILY AND SEVEN OTHER WELLS GOING DOWN

The Humphreys Boyd Oil Company's Simmons 3 began drilling in this morning. This test is in the very heart of what is declared to be the busiest spot on earth. A view of the stupendous activities in that immediate vicinity is convincing to the most skeptical. It is probably true also that no activity of such magnitude has ever been witnessed in any oil field of the world.

Colonel A. E. Humphreys, President of the Company, was present on the lease about noon today, when the work was going forward in full blast, with every Humphreys Boyd

operation moving like a new piece of well greased machinery.

All of the derricks belonging to the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company are easily discerned up and down the four miles of rush and movement, because of their "Texas Broadhorns" which are seen high up on the derrick. They have been proven to be life savers and there is no expense to which the Colonel would not go in saving human life. "I had rather not have any oil field than to see one single man killed," he said today, as he urged that no derrick be constructed on any of his leases without this precaution. It is likely that it will not be long until a law will be passed requiring every operator to add the "Texas Broadhorn" to their derricks in order to conserve the lives of the men who work night and day and bring in the wells and discover new pools of hidden treasure.

The Number 4 Simmons of this company is to begin drilling in next Wednesday.

The Humphreys Boyd Simmons 2 is down around 2277 feet; the Simmons 5 is down to depth 2360 feet; the Simmons 6, is below 1700 feet; the Simmons 7 is around 400 feet and the Simmons 8 is rigging up.

The Company already has up about 40 derricks up and down the structure, most of which are Southwest of the Simmons 1 and about half of these are in operation. The gas supply from the Boyd Simmons 1 gusher is being used for fuel purposes already for 10 wells of the Humphreys Boyd Company.

The Company's Thanksgiving day gusher, the Simmons 1, Sunday flowed 8,014 barrels of oil with an 85 pound back pressure to throw it into lines.

The excess gas is allowed to escape through a 40 foot which has been constructed on the lease, eliminating all danger of fire from this source.

T. L. Smith arrived from Temple today.

C. H. Wright arrived from Ranger today.

W. E. Werner was here from Breckenridge Sunday.

E. L. Porch Jr. was here from Houston today.

Henry Byers was here from Beaumont Sunday.

Vote for the bonds, the 16th.

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## Held Up Twice By Same Bandit

(By United Press)  
FT. WORTH, Dec. 15.—Elmer Wells, dusky Senegambian, stayed out rather late. As Elmer sauntered home down a side street, two white men alighted from a car, displayed a pistol and took Elmer's last two dollars.

Four blocks further on, two men alighted from a car, displayed a pistol, but found Elmer "cleaned." Elmer recognized the pistol.

"White folks," he quavered, "you all done held me up once tonight. Ef you all 'I let me go, I won't bother you no moah."

Mike Duggan was here from Taylor today.

O. H. Jones was a business visitor from Taylor today.

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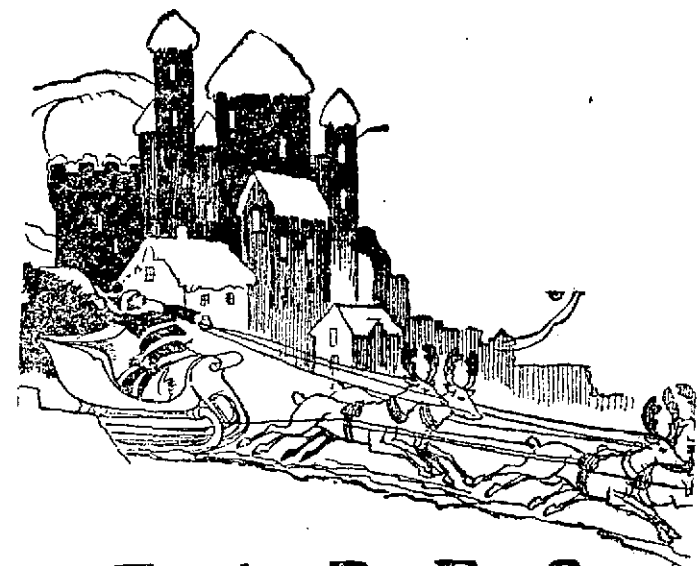


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## "For Mexia. I WILL"

### "GOD'S MASTERPIECE"

A humorous situation arose last Wednesday night at the Central Presbyterian church. Rev. G. T. Reaves who closed his pastorate Sunday night at the First Christian Church, had joined the Presbyterian congregation in their mid-week hour of prayer and Bible study. The subject for the evening was "Getting Rid of Undesirables". The leader and Pastor Rev. Victor G. Aubrey stated that the subject was chosen before it was known that Rev. Reaves was to be present and assured him that there was nothing personal in it.

Rev. Aubrey, all the other pastors of the city and the entire citizenship here deeply regret the departure of Rev. Reaves and his estimable family.

Sunday night he preached his "Farewell sermon" before a large and appreciative audience. He used the same subject used on one of his first visits here, while the congregation was using the Opera House before the completion of the magnificent church building in which that congregation now worships. "God's Masterpiece" was the subject. It was a masterly exposition, characteristic of the usual elevating and ably delivered addresses and sermons of this beloved minister. The speaker said, "Man made in the Image of God is God's Masterpiece."

There can be no doubt about this truth in the mind of anyone acquainted with such men as Mr. Reaves.

God's masterpiece, man, is a complex being in his unity. The body is a magnificent structure of more than 250 bones, clothes with muscles, tied together by 1,000 ligaments, the whole invested with a skin containing 200,000,000 pores, and enclosing three grand cavities in which are organs of wonderful vitality, functions and powers. All in all, the body is an organized human state, of which the head is the Capitol and palatial abode of royalty, packed with the records of memory, Judgment, Reason and Conscience.

But the body is the lowest of man's nature; compounded with material substance and elements, the base of whose construction is dust. It, however, is the most exquisitely constructed thing in the material world and is an essential part of man's nature as man.

God's way of ruling the world primarily is through man, and whenever mountains and floods, rocks and seas, winds and waves, lightnings and tempests bow to the conquering genius and hand of man they but capitulate to the God that is in him, and through man acknowledge God as their all powerful Ruler. Thus it is that only when a man, in his nature, is so developed as to bring the lower parts under the higher, or spiritual, can he really fill man's sphere in creation.

Mr. Reaves is a man who has impressed all who know him as one who is filling this high place in life. He has been a citizen whom the community has been pleased to claim as its own for the past two years, never faltering when duty called; he has been a pastor beloved by his own and by other congregations alike; he has been a Christian who practiced Christianity daily in all his dealings and in the noble example he set. His loss here is deeply regretted, but what Mexia loses, Brady gains and Texas retains. May God be with him and his speed them on to greater joys and greater service in their future home.

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### WHO ARE TO BENEFIT BY THE BONDS?

When people go to the polls to vote on any bond issue or on any subject involving their taxes, the first question they ask is "WHO ARE TO BE BENEFITED?"

This question is being asked today and will be asked again Tuesday when the citizens of Consolidated Road District 4 go to the polls to vote on the \$1,571,000 road bond issue.

The answer is clearly answered in the election call. The communities comprising the district are to be benefited first of all. In addition, the entire county is to be benefited through the added county public improvements and attractions; the state and the nation also are partners in the benefits.

Broadly speaking, too, it is agreed that those who are living today and those who come after them in the various communities concerned to the third and fourth generation will benefit from the construction of the roads from field to market; from home to church and school and from country to town.

It has been true far too many times in the past that heavy motor traffic has been too great for the roads and highways that have been built, but this problem is constantly being studied and rapidly being solved. Experts assert that from 40 to 50 per cent of highway cost is a permanent investment and the percentage is higher for what are called laterals or country roads, where the travel is not so great. The right-of-way, the grade, the drainage, concrete bridges and shoulders need only be paid for once. It is the surface that wears.

In this particular instance, the provisions of the issue are such that the several communities of the consolidated road district number 4 are guaranteed uniform good roads, hard surface or gravel. The issue will mean the building of the country roads that lead into the highways or that connect one community with another. No fairer plan could be asked by anyone.

The maps showing just what is to be done with the residue of \$1,500,000 of the issue for \$1,571,000 are easily available to anyone not clear on the subject. The other \$271,000 is to be used in taking up outstanding bonds in the entire district.

It is a golden opportunity for Mexia, for Tehuacana, for Forest Glade and Shiloh and Point Enterprise and Springfield and all the other communities, as well as for all the institutions, business, educational, social or spiritual, within the district. Let's vote the bonds.

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### A VITAL ISSUE COMES UP TUESDAY

The prosperity of Consolidated Road District Number 4 is

dependent upon its transportation facilities, its roads and highways. That is true of any community. It is true of all sections and of all countries. BAD ROADS AND HIGH COST OF LIVING go hand in hand. Bad roads and poor markets for farm products are usually found together. The real statesman of this state and nation and the thoughtful citizens of Mexia and surrounding communities right at this time, when the people are presented with a good roads bond election are concentrating upon the problem of building good roads and protecting them after they are built.

Good roads are vital. The relation between the vehicle of the farmer or of the business man and the highway or road must be realized more fully, if the section is to measure up to its full responsibilities and prosper as it should. The vehicle and the road together constitute a great factory which produces the commodity which economics designates as transportation.

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It has been said that "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon." In like manner it may be said that "some communities are created great, others achieve greatness and others have greatness thrust upon them." Looking upon the vast resources discovered by Colonel A. E. Humphreys some four years ago in this part of the county, it can be truly said that this community was created great. Looking upon the added assets and enhanced values brought by the oil fraternity to this section, it may also be said that this community has had greatness thrust upon it. Trebly blessed, the community is populated by a great citizenship who have done many worthy things in the past, and Tuesday, again the chance comes to the tax payers of the district to march to the polls and achieve further greatness by voting FOR THE ROAD BONDS.

### CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS

By N. P. Houx

#### \$5,000 AUTO—TWO-BIT ROAD.

One of the state's best news papers gives the following illustration of road economics: "Not so very long ago a friend of ours went down to the city and bought a handsome auto, paying some four or five thousand dollars for same, and on his hike home, minus good roads, he stuck in a mud hole, and after working and fighting that mud hole until night time overtook him, he walked some four or five miles to a farm house and stayed all night. Next morning bright and early he returned with teams, wagon and log chains to recover his car. Finally they had to dig it out, prize it up and snake it out on skids. That car was damaged several hundred dollars, for after spinning the rear wheels in the mud for half a day, they were virtually worn out. The beautiful coat of varnish was practically ruined. Ain't it funny about the viewpoint of many people in regard to economy; now that man is an excellent financier, director in a bank, and has laid aside a nice fortune. And yet, today, that fellow

is congratulating himself on the fact that his county has never seen fit to build a system of hard-surfaced roads and to our certain knowledge that man has worn out three or four fine cars in the last six or seven years—BUT HE SAVES THE TAX MONEY, AND HE IS SATISFIED.

#### GO LIKE HELL.

We see that at Medina, Ohio, a

sign for the benefit of autoists has been posted. "Go like hell. There is plenty of room in the cemetery." A day or two later a policeman was fatally injured by a speedster who was riding "like hell." It's alright for the auto speedster to ride "like hell," and kill himself; but we do not think he ought to kill other people who are opposed to the "riding like hell" plan.

#### BETTER HIGHWAYS A DEMAND.

From the Ballinger Ledger, the more a man travels in an automobile the more he is impressed with the fact that the day is fast coming when the nation will be a not-work of first class highways. Autos are increasing, and auto travel is increasing, and the man who pays repair bills realizes that it would be cheaper to build roads than to pay repair bills which bad roads are responsible for, to say nothing of the saving in time and gas bills.

#### THE WORTH OF GOOD ROADS.

The Pampa News comments as follows on the worth of good roads: "Good roads mean prosperity; they mean progress; they mean education; they mean a full life, worth living; they mean the greatest amount of haulage; they mean greater profits from farm produce because they cost less to haul over good roads. Good roads everywhere mean prosperity and happiness everywhere. Those are some of the reasons why we are for good roads."

#### AIN'T IT GRAND.

This is the way an exchange sums up our troubles: "If you

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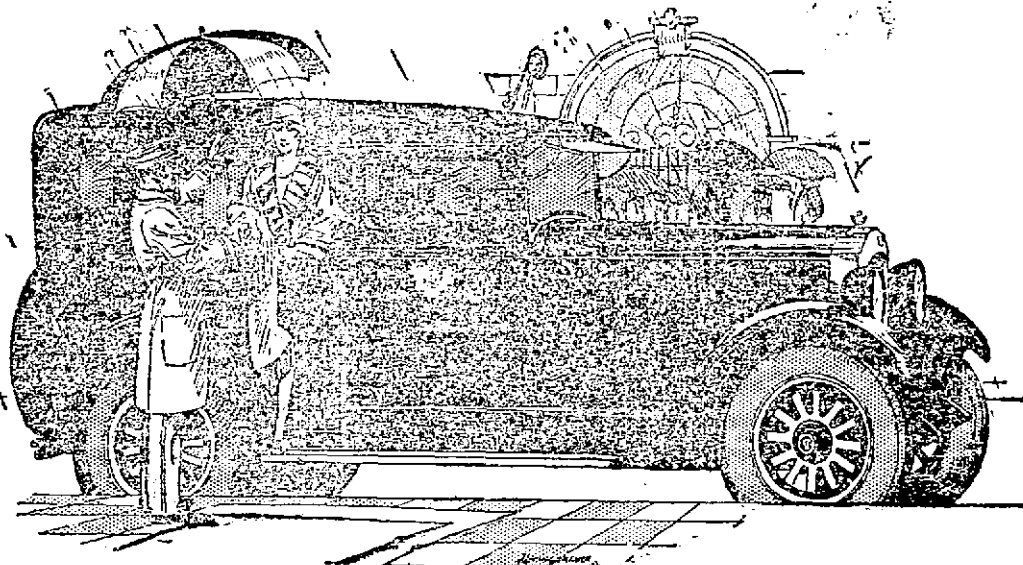
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## Horn Pays Tribute To John L. Wortham

Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the Texas Technological College, has given out the following statement in appreciation of his friend, the late John L. Wortham of Houston:

Some men have the genius for money-making, others for politics, others for oratory and others for mechanical pursuits. John L. Wortham had talent along several of these lines, but he had a positive genius for friendship.

He would go further and do more for a friend and expect less in return for it than any other man I ever knew.

### HELPING HIS FRIEND.

As an illustration of this fact, one can point to Mr. Wortham's relations with R. B. Cousins. Years ago, when Mr. Cousins was superintendent of the city schools of Mexia, he decided to run for the office of State Superintendent of Schools. In his desire he was largely encouraged by the schoolmen of the State and also by Mr. Wortham. When the time came for making the campaign, Mr. Wortham virtually laid aside his own business for months and devoted himself to working for his friend. When Mr. Cousins was elected, it was a recognized fact that Mr. Wortham was one of the strong factors in the result.

And what did Mr. Wortham expect in return? Not one single thing. He had been instrumental in helping to secure a good man for an important office, and in doing something for his friend. That was all the reward that he wanted. I am quite certain that it was largely on account of my own friendship for Mr. Cousins that Mr. Wortham first began to take an interest in me. When I was an applicant for the superintendency of the city schools of Houston, Mr. Wortham heard of that fact and without my even asking him to do so, he concentrated all the influence at his command upon one particular member of the board, who was a friend of his, and whose vote was in doubt. I was elected by four votes out of seven.

And what did he ask or expect in return? Absolutely nothing.

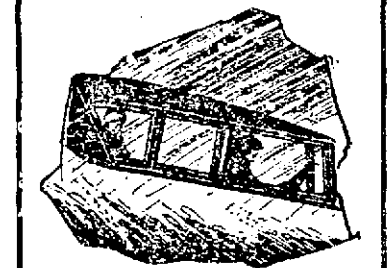
Later on, I was much interested in another matter and wrote to Mr. Wortham about it. I presumed he would perhaps at his convenience speak to one or two people whom he might meet and perhaps write a few letters in my behalf. Not only did he do these things, but in addition he dropped his own business for a week or so, took the train for a distant part of the State, and exerted himself fully as much as if his own interests had been at stake instead of mine.

### WITHOUT HOPE OF REWARD.

I am quite certain that his expenses on this trip must have amounted to a considerable sum of money. If it had been almost any other man, I should have felt that I wanted to reimburse him, not for his time, but for the money he had actually expended in traveling expenses. Since it was Mr. Wortham, I knew perfectly well that it would be offensive to him if I even suggested such reimbursement. Accordingly, the matter was never mentioned.

There are many men in the world who will do something for you if they feel that they can get something in return. Mr. Wortham was not one of these. He knew that I did not think just as he did on a number of subjects, political and otherwise; yet not in a single instance did he undertake to change either my vote or my opinion. During the twenty years in which I had the privilege of claiming his friendship, he spoke to me only twice in recommending any person to me.

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One case was that of a woman teacher whom I recommended for a place in the Houston schools. She made an excellent teacher and taught until she resigned to be married. The other was the case of a man. I told Mr. Wortham frankly that I did not believe this man was suitable material for the place he sought. Mr. Wortham at once told me not for a moment even to consider the man, and I did not.

I have mentioned the cases of Mr. Cousins and myself merely because I happen to know more about these than about others. I know, however, that there were scores and hundreds of men and women in Texas and elsewhere whom Mr. Wortham exerted himself to the utmost to help, and without the expectation or the possibility of receiving in return one single thing except friendship and good will and kindly appreciation.

### "MORE BLESSED TO GIVE."

If I were to say that he was the greatest genius at oratory or at politics or at business that I had ever known, it might be considered a very great compliment. Yet, when I state that he had a genius not so much along any of these lines as along the line of friendship, I feel that I am conferring, perhaps, the highest compliment possible.

There are many good men in the world and many good friends, but few, if any, of them have the special capacity for friendship that John L. Wortham had. His type of friendship was an exemplification of what the master of men meant when he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

I am merely one of the hundreds in Texas who feel that they are incomparably poorer because John L. Wortham has passed away, and yet, vastly richer for having known him at all. There are no others just like him.

I can think of no more fitting words to apply to him than those which a great orator a generation back used in his funeral oration after the death of his brother; "If every man, woman and child to whom he has ever done a kind deed were to place one single flower above his grave, he would sleep tonight beneath a wilderness of flowers."

## One Mexia Mason Gets Certificate

M. W. (Walter) Anderson, of Springfield Lodge No. 74, A. F. and A. M., returned last Friday from Waco, where he went before the Masonic committee on work and

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## Tanks Are Preparing For Wortham Flush

The four great wells brought in within the past three weeks in the area that marks the fourth great Mexia Balcones fault discovery of Colonel A. E. Humphreys has caused the movement of crude from tank farms in this section to be carried on with renewed vigor. In October there were 22,000,000 barrels of crude oil stored in Limestone county alone. At that time there was three barrels of Powell crude stored in this county to one stored in Navarro county. Since then the movement has been under way and those who knew of this fact immediately knew that it was faith in the companies that were determined to bring in the new field that brought it about. As a result of this much storage will be available here to take care of the flush production of the Wortham field. Added to this, more than 3,000,000 barrels of storage is being built. The Boyd Oil company has two tanks five rings high and others at various stages of construction on their million and a half and more barrels tank farm on the Carter north of Mexia about three miles in Limestone County.

stood examination for a certificate. He stood a splendid examination, only getting six marks, and was awarded a certificate to teach the work.

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den, and when the grand lodge met he went before the committee and took the examination, successfully.

**NATIONAL POULTRY ASSOCIATION IN DALLAS**

(By United Press)

DALLAS, Dec. 15.—The Premier and Dallas National Poultry associations opened consolidated winter show here Wednesday. The show ends Dec. 14.

The shows were consolidated in order to make the Dallas event the greatest of its kind in the southwest, officials said.

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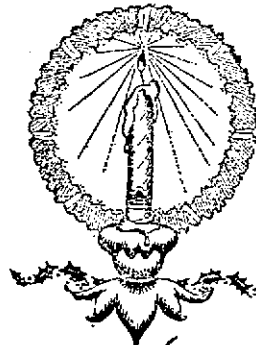
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THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

ay, Dec. 13, 1924.

# THE POLLS AND GOOD ROADS DECEMBER 16TH.

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## BELL EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR HELPFUL SPIRIT

Judge H. E. Bell, Chief Supervisor of the Oil and Gas Division of the Texas Railroad Commission left Saturday night for Austin, after having spent several days here on three successive trips since the discovery of the new Wortham field by the Boyd Oil company. Before leaving he expressed the appreciation of the department and of the Railroad Commission to The Mexia Daily News for the assistance given in carrying the statements of local interest direct to the people through the columns daily.

Laten Stanberry, Assistant Chief Supervisor, is to remain here and he and District Deputy John Locke are to handle the situation which is expected to create a bigger demand than ever on the division since the Penn-McCorkle 1 came in Saturday within the townsite of Wortham.

Judge Bell stated that the drilling campaign now one in the new field is without parallel in the history of the State. He also expressed the appreciation of the department to the oil fraternity for the cooperation extended during the busy days of perplexing problems.

The regular permits are to go through the regular way, while Mr. Stanberry and Mr. Locke are to continue to handle applications for special permits first through this office in the Mexia Chamber of Commerce.

## Earthquake Causes Panic In Italy

[By United Press] VENICE, Dec. 13.—Inhabitants of Tolmezo, at the foot of the Carnic Alps, are in a state of panic today after the outbreak of fresh earthquake shocks which were felt all during the night.

After hearing the rumblings nearly continuously for a day and night the populace insists the "sky is open." Landslides of large boulders are frequently rolling down from nearby mountains, increasing the anxiety among the inhabitants.

At Cividale, the floor of the police station crashed to the basement following a strong shock, without injuring anyone.

## J. K. HUGHES DEVELOPING COMPANY CROUCH 1 TO SET CASING EARLY THIS WEEK

One of the wells expected to set casing during the coming week in the Wortham area is the Crouch 1 Company. It is now below Austin Chalk depths and drilling rapidly ahead, insuring that this company

will be one of the first companies to get in for the flush. Its Crouch 3 and Crouch 7 are also drilling at around 500 feet. This lease is looked upon as a sure producer.

## Postal Salary Increase Bill Blocked Again

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Action on the postal salaries increase bill was blocked the second time when Senator Reed of Missouri refused his assent to a unanimous consent to agreement to bring the bill up for consideration in the Senate February 25. Reed objected because the agreement would permit the bill to be referred to the Post Office Committee. Administration leaders planned to permit it to be sent to the Postoffice Committee for consolidation with the new bill raising postal rates on second class matter to meet the salary increase. It is estimated that the salaries increase measure would cause an additional expenditure of \$86,000,000. The president said he is not willing to pass the increase to the tax payer. Details of the new bill were kept secret, but it is understood that the proposed increase in second class rates involves \$35,000,000 annually. Opponents declared that it would destroy the circulation of daily papers and cause country weeklies to cease publication.

### AN INTELLIGENT PUP.

[By United Press] VAN ALSTYNE, Dec. 15.—This city has a dog with a passion for reading matter. Lately he has made a thorough job of collecting behind a newspaper route carrier here. The pup doesn't destroy his loot; he takes it home to his master.

### LIGHTS FOR INSANE.

[By United Press] AUSTIN, Dec. 15.—Power lighting for the State Insane Asylum will be furnished by the Austin Municipal power plant, according to an announcement here by C. N. Avery, water and light commissioner.

## Another Bandit Shot by Police

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 13.—Dutch Weber, notorious Oklahoma bank bandit, was shot and killed by police today after his arrest in connection with the \$20,000 robbery at Shawnee. He was shot when he attempted to jerk a gun from the United States marshal.

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## Salesman For Skin Cream Learns How To Clear Up Pimply Complexion

Mr. Cliff Miska, of 595 Ninth Avenue, Astoria, L. I., writes: "I was a salesman of creams for healing pimples, blemishes, etc., but when my face broke out with blotches, pimples, and blackheads I tried one salve after another with no permanent results.

I found it as impossible to sell skin cream as a bald headed man finds selling hair and I felt like a new person tonic. Finally I decided I all around. Now I know what would have to get at the to do when I have a pimply cause—the blood. I was skin, you bet." This old amazed to find that within a liable remedy treats such com-few days after taking Carter's complaints in a safe way. It has Little Liver Pills, my skin been used all-over the world took on a new healthful look, for 67 years. 25c at all good blemishes started to disappear drug stores. @



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# VOTE FOR THE ROAD BOND ISSUE TOMORROW

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 16

*This is a busy time and Mexia thrives, reaches out, expands in just such times as these. Mexia's growth in the past and her growth in the future have depended on a citizenship which has recognized the need of Mexia and the outlying communities, and has acted when the time came. This citizenship cannot but realize the wisdom of voting for the GOOD ROADS BOND ISSUE, Tuesday, December 16th, a measure which will have a lasting effect on business and the development of Mexia for years to come. Mexia's merchants, Mexia's men and Mexia's women cannot but see the necessity, the "good business" of taking the necessary minutes from their work to cast their votes for a measure that means so much to them.*

*Representatives of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce have during the past weeks gone to the outlying communities presenting and explaining the provisions of the Bond Issue. On every hand they have been met with enthusiasm, an enthusiasm that is to bring more farmers to Mexia over good roads your vote may make possible. Can we afford to fail our good friends in these communities at such a time?*

*Go to the polls at the City Hall, tomorrow and cast your ballot——*  
**FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.**

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## HISTORY OF SEARCH FOR OIL AT WORTHAM COVERS PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS

After a dozen years oil has come to Wortham. If the fates of petroleum played a somewhat cruel game with the first Central Texas town to have visions of fame from oil, they have redeemed themselves by giving the place notoriety other oil towns never knew. For Wortham is in the grip of a drilling campaign, the like of which has never before been seen.

Twelve years ago, a city water well in Wortham found gas at 1195 feet. Gas flowed at the rate of 65,000,000 cubic feet daily and there were traces of oil. It was then that Wortham had her visions, for it took but a scant imagination to fashion a district of derricks blackened by gushing oil.

Drilling began. But the first job of Fate's fickleness came when a gas field was outlined near Mexia, south of Wortham. The search for oil spent itself, the only benefit being gas at Mexia.

Wortham took its second cutting deal, when the Mexia oil field came in in 1920. In the next year the Mexia field ran the course of other fields. Mexia bloomed into a small city, with paved streets, brick churches, a golf course.

Again in 1922, the fates held another alluring palm before Wortham, with a gas blowout and oil showing from the Meador well. This time the crowds came and new buildings were erected. But the drilling that followed brought no oil wells.

To the north the Currie field was found, although it never matched Mexia. Then came the Powell field. Its benefits went largely to Corsicana, where 30 years before the first oil of Texas was found. Again the drill struck and this time it was Richland.

Now, at last, oil has been found at Wortham. Not a mile from where that first gas was found in the search for water in 1912, more than 75 derricks are standing.

It seems the field will stretch from the eastern part of the townsite three miles south to the Boyd well, the first in the field. Between these two points is the Simmons well, which established the Wortham pool when it came in Thanksgiving afternoon, flowing at the rate of 12,500 barrels daily from the Woodbine sand.

Both this well and that on the Boyd farm were drilled by the Boyd Oil company, whose president is Colonel A. E. Humphreys, whose other company drilled the first oil well at Mexia.

No well ever performed to better advantage than the Simmons well. Flow tanks had been erected. The pipe line connection had been made, even before the well was drilled in, the first time a pipe line concern ever had shown such deference to a wildcat.

The well was not turned into the waiting flow tanks and the pipe line as first. On the orders of Colonel Humphreys it was opened to shoot its stream into the air, so the thousands gathered over the surrounding terrain might witness the gushing.

The Simmons well, a mile and a half south of the city, really brought oil to Wortham. Within three days 52 derricks either were completed or building. Since then work has been too rapid for daily reports to mean anything.

It is tradition in the oil fields that no pool ever can achieve big output or fame until it has a church as well. Ranger had it. So did Breckenridge, Durburnett and the others.

Wortham now has a church lot well. One of the first townsite leases given was by the Baptist church. There are omens of oil. Already

the town has a traffic problem of sufficient size to give a Broadway policeman the quivers. There are restaurants open all night in the city, whose night watchman used to spend lonely vigils. Drillers, roughnecks, toolies, teamsters, rig builders and those who follow, but seldom work, are in Wortham. If they find no beds, they sleep on floors. At the railroad station and in the hotel lobbies, sleeping forms cover the floors.

Take it from those accustomed to travel the new oil fields, Wortham has the earmarks of one because its train schedule at night is anything but ideal. Going north the train deposits the traveler at 4 o'clock in the morning, leaving him to decide which way he shall go to find a wall to check the chill. That's typical of oil towns in their first days.

Wortham is too busy to be lawless. There is a field to be drilled. Rig builders are drawing \$21 a day. His helper may get \$15. Rig building will not last long the way they are going about it at Wortham, however.

Mrs. Hugh Adamson has returned from New Orleans where she was called to the bedside of her brother J. C. Hackney of Wortham, who died Saturday morning.

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### J. C. HACKNEY DEAD.

The people of Wortham were shocked Saturday morning when the news reached here that Cliff Hackney was dead. He died in a sanitarium in New Orleans. His condition had been considered serious for some time and his condition became so grave that his wife and daughter, Frances, left Wednesday to be at his bedside. His death occurred Friday prepared for burial and forwarded to Wortham. He will be interred in the Wortham Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

"Cliff" as his friends called him was for years a member of the

firm "Hackney Bros." dealers in lumber and was well known and liked by the people of Wortham.

Cliff Hackney was well known in Mexia where he has often played in the band, being an accomplished musician, and his scores of friends here will join in extending sympathy to his family and other loved ones. The writer has known him for a quarter of a century, or since he was a mere youth, and prized him as a true friend.

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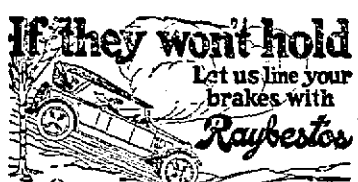
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the Class, the following program was given:

Talk: "A World Christmas Tree" by Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Class Teacher.

Vocal Solo: "It Came Upon the Midnight," sung by Miss Lucille Preddy, accompanied by Mrs. Oscar Denning.

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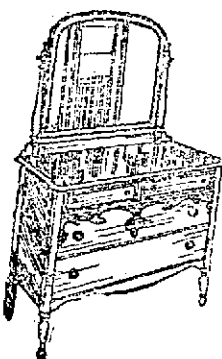
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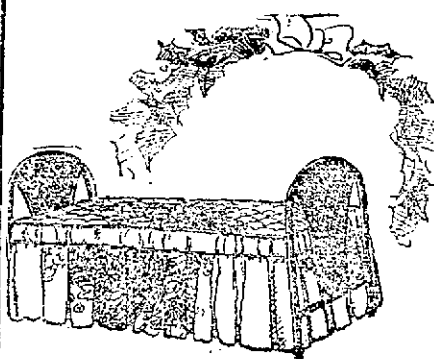
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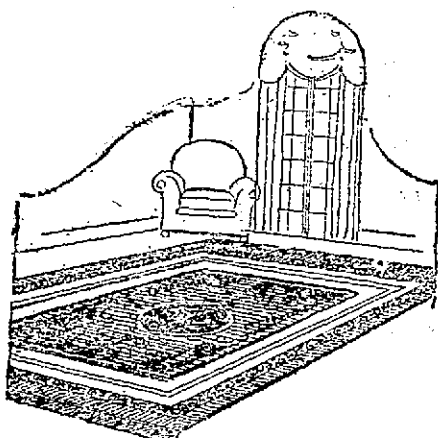
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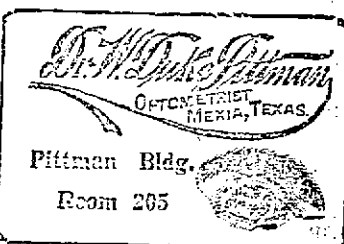
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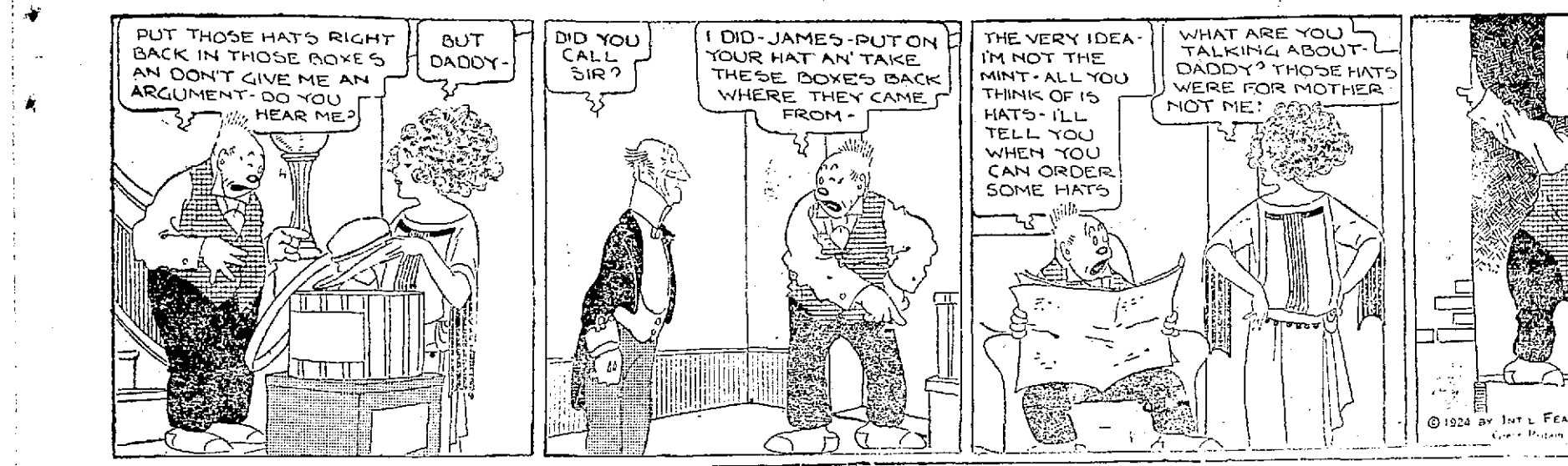


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No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W.	3:31 p. m.
No. 33 Ennis	7:10 p. m.
South Bound.	
No. 20 Houston	12:16 a. m.
No. 38 Austin-SA	12:21 a. m.
No. 18 Houston	1:37 a. m.
No. 34 From Ennis-Stp.	7:15 a. m.
No. 22 From Dallas-Stp.	10:08 a. m.
No. 16 Houston-SA	11:55 a. m.
Cut-Off.	
345 From Navasota-stp.	1:47 p. m.
346 For Navasota-Lv.	7:09 a. m.
TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY	
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MAKE me a cash offer one one thousand dollar stock Mexia Textile Mill. Address "Cotton Mill" in care News. 14X3

FOR SALE—Used gas range, four burners and oven. Almost new. phone 271-J or call at 600 East Sumpter street. 12X4

FOR SALE—My Champion Shoe Shop, everything new, at City Hotel, R. A. Day, Mexia, Texas. Box 824. 14X4

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NICE bed room for rent, modern conveniences, close in, 305 E. Hopkins, phone 192-W, Mrs. J. M. Costly. 15X2

FOR RENT—One room for three men, call 651 J. 14X3

FOR RENT—1 large bed room will accommodate 2 men. 2 blocks north postoffice, 318 N. Sherman, phone 108J. 14X3

YOUNG ROOMS—Beds 50c, clean, safe, quiet, best neighborhood, East Main and Red River Streets, 5 blocks E. City Hall. 10X6

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WANTED—Colored woman to cook, one who knows the duties of household work, references required, phone 98W, or call at 511 E. Hopkins. 11X6

Remember the 16th. Vote for the bonds.

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FOR SALE—5 room house on South Sherman close in, part cash, balance terms to suit buyer, call 171 or 609J. 14X7

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FOR SALE—Two 5-room houses, all modern conveniences, one 4-room house, will be sold at a bargain if sold at once. Address 902 E. Main St. Corner of Main and Ross. Phone 480-J or 709. 10X5

FOR SALE or trade—Nearly one acre of trackage property located between H. & T. C. and T. & B. V. tracks, 3 blocks west of passenger depot. Will make right price or trade for Ft. Worth residence property, real estate men take notice, address M. K. Miller, Box 975, Ft. Worth, Texas. 10X6

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FOR SALE—My home on McKinney Street, four acres of land, two acres front on R. R. will sell separate from home. See W. B. Jackson. 11X7

FOR SALE—Modern five room house close to grammar school and high school, ¾ block off pavement located 818 East Sumpter, see A. W. Bonner at W. A. Jackson Co. 8X7

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## The Flapper and Her Father

Drinking, Smoking and Petting Parties Lead an Anxious Parent to Ask: "Can I Trust My Daughter?"

The flapper pursuing her quest for freedom too far has led at least one father to ask for guidance in protecting her from herself.

"How," he asks, "can a girl remember her home training when the young men she meets take her into an atmosphere of raw gin, cigarettes, the close contacts of the modern dance, midnight motor rides and so-called 'petting parties'?"

This well-to-do business man, shocked by the sudden discovery of the social dangers surrounding his daughter, has written for January SMAR an outspoken article telling the actual perils that threaten the girl of today.

"Can I trust my daughter to trust herself," he asks, and adds that "I don't doubt that millions of fathers all over the country are asking themselves the same thing without daring to put the question in words."

One of the occurrences that alarmed him is thus described:

"The young crowd, daughters and sons of neighbors, all nice enough people, were gathered at the house for an impromptu dance. Our girl went into the kitchen and made a large pitcher of what we supposed was orangeade. Without the least thought of spying on them in any way, but solely because it was a hot evening and I was thirsty, I took a glass of the stuff myself while the children were dancing. 'It had a kick like a mule—I learned afterwards that nearly a quart of gin had gone into it—and the young fellow whom I asked about it, the son of one of my best friends, admitted with a laugh that the contents of all the boys' fashers had gone into it. 'To put some pep in the evening.'"

"My wife had a talk with our daughter about that, and the girl admitted in tears that she had had only one glass of the mixture herself, but that if we made a fuss about it the crowd wouldn't come to the house any more, but would go to the houses of other girls whose parents were less strict."

"What are we to do?" the father questions, and answers:

"I am at a loss to know. Prohibition, of any sort, would be worse than useless. I can't cut her off from her friends, and whatever I may forbid in my own house they are certain to do somewhere else, if they wish."

"The other day I put my arm about my daughter's shoulder and said, 'You know, dear girl, it would kill me to see any harm come to you.' And in reply to that, she asked, 'Why, Dad, can't you trust me?'"

"I've been asking myself that question ever since. 'Can I trust her?' Not her honesty, not her fitness, but her strength under the abnormal conditions which surround her. In other words, can she trust herself? Can any girl of sixteen, who tries to extract an evening's thrill from playing with the profoundest emotions of human existence?"

## Dallas Stork Favors Boys

(By United Press)  
DALLAS, Dec. 15.—Joe Stork apparently favors "masculinity," recent deliveries to Dallas show.

During the month of November and in the early part of December, 218 boys and 181 girls were born.

Dallas social scientists, admitting perplexity, are dusting some of the old theories for a possible "re-hash."

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### Fire Chief Urges Caution During Holiday Season

The Christmas holidays are drawing near and consequently the younger folks are beginning to get the genuine Christmas spirit, which is sometimes celebrated with the shooting of fire works around the business district of the city.

Fire Chief Pittman calls your attention to the fact that it is against the city ordinance to shoot sky rockets, fire crackers and roman candles within the fire district.

The number of fires has been exceedingly small for the past several weeks and it is largely due to the fact that the people of Mexia have cooperated with the Fire Department in eliminating fire hazards wherever possible. The flimsy paper Christmas decorations are very easily inflammable and is the cause of many disastrous fires during this season of the year.

### NOVEL PARTY FOR BRIDE-ELECT

The announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Leta Mae McCravery of Mexia to Mr. Edgar T. Staton of Savannah, Ga., was the feature of a novel party given by Miss Fern Wilson in the home of her mother, Mrs. Jim Wilson at Thornton, Texas, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13.

In the receiving line were the honoree and out of town guests: Miss Leta Mae McCravery, Mr. Edgar T. Staton, Mrs. R. S. McCravery, mother of the bride-elect, Miss Tessie Spearman of Mexia, the houseguest of Miss McCravery, Mrs. W. A. Jackson and Miss Maurine Tiley both of Teague, Mrs. Tom L. Cox

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and Miss Mildred Cox at Mexia. The afternoon's entertainment consisted of a musical and dramatic programme, unique in its appropriateness for the occasion, and was rendered by Mrs. Guy Wilson, Mrs. Kelly, Miss Christine Raider, Miss Mary Gresham, and Mrs. W. A. Jackson.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Jackson's solo "Love Brings A Sweet Gift of Roses," cupid, little Virginia Wilson shot a white arrow through the door to the feet of the favored couple. Miss found that the arrow bore this message which she read to the delight of all hearers.

From the land of romance—"Tis a love message I bring, of two hearts that tried to agree in everything. So when Edgar Staton asked that the one great question be answered with "yes", Leta Mae McCravery, thought and thought, until it seemed her heart and head would burst but finally agreed to become his on January the first, Cupid.

The refreshment plate which consisted of chicken salad, olives, bread and butter, sandwiches, tea and wafers, was ornamented with a miniature bride and groom and a cupid's bow and arrow.

Edgar T. Staton, representing the Clover Leaf Life and Casualty Company has made his headquarters in Mexia.

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### SEVERAL MAD DOGS KILLED LATELY

Several mad dog cases have been reported in the Eastern part of the city within the last few days. The city officers have killed several dogs in that neighborhood in an effort to prevent the spreading of rabies.

Louis Gordon was here from Waco Monday.

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